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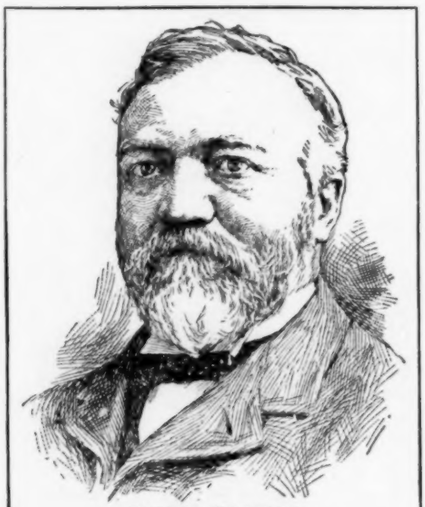

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### Negroes Not to be Disfranchised in Georgia

A representative in the Georgia House of Representatives introduced a bill to disfranchise Negroes, not, as he declared, because of their color, but because they lacked virtue and intelligence. It was so framed as to bar out the young Negro as well as the old one. It is encouraging to know that the House threw out the bill by a vote of 137 to 3. Two months ago it did not seem possible that all but three of the representatives of the State would put themselves on record as against the proposition. The Governor, while favoring a restricted ballot, declares that the bill met its just fate. He has expressed himself as in favor of a ballot confined to virtue and intelligence, irrespective of race or color. If he can bring his State up to that line, and then have laws enacted to protect every voter in his rights at the polls, he will do the best work ever done in the great State of which he is such a wise and strong executive.

### Selecting a Jury

The fact that one of the courts of a great State has spent twelve days in the selection of twelve men to serve on a jury for the trial of a murder case, and that 504 talesmen were compelled to leave their business, in answer to a summons from the court, has once more emphasized the necessity of some change in the manner of selecting juries. The latitude which is now allowed the interested parties is so wide, and the restrictions which surround a talesman are so narrow, that the wheels of justice move very slowly. The accused in the case mentioned has already been in jail more than eight months. After all this delay it took twelve days to select a jury, and the trial may be prolonged indefinitely. To subject an innocent man to such an agony is the refinement of cruelty; to defer the punishment of a guilty one so long is a travesty of justice.

### Credulity and Cupidity

It would seem that an offer to pay ten per cent. a week on money would repel investors, but when such an offer was made not long since by a so called syndicate, it was accepted by thousands of people who certainly knew better, and by quite as many who presumably did not. It is claimed that the police of at least two large cities were anxious to invest their savings in this old form of swindle. The end came speedily, and with the usual results. Many of the victims say that while they knew such a concern must needs fail, they took the chances of its lasting long enough for them to realize handsome profits. In other words, they were willing to join hands with the swindlers if they might share the profits. They deserved to lose their money; they ought to be punished, but whether the laws are sufficient for this or not remains to be seen. The suggestion that legal investigation may determine that the stockholders are liable for all the debts, is not a pleasing one to them; but should this result be attained, the public will hardly be expected to have any sympathy for them.

### Four Battalions Withdrawn

The credit which the Government places in the reports of the work of political agitators in Cuba may be seen from the fact that orders have just been issued for the withdrawal of 1,600 American soldiers from that island. This will leave only 8,800 men on duty there. The withdrawal of more than one-sixth of the small force now maintained by the United States is due to the recommendations of Gen. Wood, who is now in Washington, and who is thoroughly informed of the condition of affairs in Cuba. He is reported to have said that there is not a word of truth in the story that prominent Cubans were taking to the woods with the intention of leading a revolt against the American authority. The province of Santiago, which has always been a hotbed of revolutionists, is perfectly quiet, and no trouble is to be apprehended from that source. Gen. Wood has succeeded in collecting nine thousand rifles and believes there are very few left in his department. Those who predicted dire confusion in Cuba appear to have been prophets of the uninspired order.

### Porto Rico as a Territory

It is pointed out that ever since 1868 Porto Rico has been sending fifteen deputies and three senators to the Spanish Cortes at Madrid. These were for the most part elected by popular suffrage, the right of voting being restricted to those who paid a specified amount of taxes. For a few years every male Porto Rican, over twenty-five years old, was allowed to vote. There was also in the island an elective body whose functions were to pass administrative laws pertaining to the administration of provincial affairs, and this body was in session when the United States took possession, June 25, 1898. Besides this knowledge of government the inhabitants have been electing the municipal councils in seventy different cities, annually. All these political rights disappeared with the American occupation, but the inhabitants were promised that their laws and liberties should be respected. Congress will doubtless be asked to provide a territorial form of government for Porto Rico, and the history of the island seems to warrant the granting of such a request.

### Gold Standard Recommended

The Republican caucus of the Fifty-fifth Congress appointed a committee to prepare a bill with reference to the currency. The committee has made public the report which it will present to the present Congress. It recognizes the gold dollar of 25 8 grains as the standard of value, and stipulates that all interest-bearing obligations of the Government and all United States notes shall be redeemed in gold. It authorizes the Secretary of the Treasury to maintain a gold reserve by the sale of bonds if necessary, and to coin the silver bullion in the Treasury into subsidiary coin at his discretion. National banks are authorized to issue circulation up to the par value of the bonds deposited by them; such banks with a capital of $25,000 may be established in towns of not over 2,000 inhabitants; and a tax of one-tenth of one per cent. on the value of their franchises is provided. It is by this measure, according to the report, that the people's purpose in favor of sound money may best be given the vitality of public law.

### Excitement over a Speech

Speaking at Leicester, last Thursday, Mr. Joseph Chamberlain, the British Colonial Secretary, had much to say on the present relations between Great Britain and the United States. He said that the understanding between these two great nations is a guarantee of the peace of the world, and predicted that the United States would never forget the sympathy of Great Britain during the Spanish-American war. It was this sympathy that placed the two governments in their right and proper attitude towards each other. Then he went on to say that it is impossible for Great Britain to remain permanently isolated from the continent of Europe, and that Germany was the natural ally for the English. With a triple alliance of these three great Powers the cause of civilization would be advanced beyond the dreams of modern statesmen. Naturally the Liberal and the Radical newspapers are

little pleased with such a suggestion, and not a few among the leaders of political thought believe Mr. Chamberlain spoke unwisely. The position of Great Britain and the United States differs radically from that of Germany, and unless the signs of the times are misread by the experts, it will be a long time before the triple alliance suggested by Mr. Chamberlain becomes an accomplished fact.

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**Congress Assembles**

Promptly at 12 o'clock on Monday the Senate was called to order by Senator Frye of Maine, president *pro tem.*, and the House by its clerk, McDowell. The roll of the House being called, 352 members answered to their names, and David B. Henderson of Iowa was elected Speaker, the Democrats casting their votes for James D. Richardson of Tennessee, which makes him the minority leader. When the name of Brigham H. Roberts was called, Representative Taylor of Ohio objected to his being sworn in, and stated his reasons for this action. Roberts was directed to stand aside, and subsequently a committee of nine was appointed to consider and report upon his case. A petition against the seating of Roberts, containing seven million names, was among the documents in the case. Beyond the filing of a few certificates of election and the swearing in of such new senators as were present, the Senate transacted no business, but adjourned at 12 23 as a mark of respect to the late Vice President. The President's message was not sent in until Tuesday, too late for comment in this issue.

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**Russia's Commercial Marine**

Russia discovered, in 1897, that she was every year paying $37,000,000 to foreign vessels for carrying freight between her own ports. She notified the nations interested that from Jan. 1, 1900, she would not issue clearance papers from one Russian port to another to any vessels except those under her own flag. Up to this time the Russian coast trade has been free to the ships of all the world, and the Russian ships have had only one fifth of it. To transfer the remaining four-fifths to Russian bottoms will stimulate the national merchant marine, and be of immense benefit to the material prosperity of the country. The Government does not look with favor on the subsidy plan, for although it pays an annual subsidy to the Black Sea Steamship Company, it has declined to aid other marine enterprises in this manner. The position of Russia is not unlike that of the United States, in that the ports on her eastern coast are separated by many thousand miles from those on her western coast. It is a far cry from St. Petersburg and Odessa to Vladivostock and Talien-Wan, and shutting out the vessels of all other nations from this trade means a great deal not only to Russia but to the rest of the world. A single exception is made in this wide-reaching law, in that foreign vessels will still be permitted to transport salt from the ports of the Black Sea and the Sea of Azov to the Baltic ports.

**Stubborn Resistance in South Africa**

News from South Africa is six days old before it is given out by the British war office. Such a rigid censorship was never known before. The situation is far from satisfactory, and the Boers are holding to the plan of contesting the advance of the British, inch by inch. There was a terrible battle, lasting fourteen hours, as the army of Lord Methuen attempted to cross the Modder River on its way to the relief of Kimberley, on Tuesday of last week. Even at this writing the actual results of the battle are uncertain. As no mention has been made of any attempt to advance beyond this point, it is assumed that Methuen is waiting for reinforcements, and that in spite of their losses the Boers are prepared to offer a stubborn resistance. The Kimberley garrison is still keeping the investing force busy in resisting its onsets, and as it is said that signals have been exchanged by heliograph between the commanding officer there and Lord Methuen, so that it will be possible for the two forces to act in conjunction, it is reasonably safe to expect an early relief of Kimberley.

On the east the Boers appear to have fallen back to the Tugela River, but it is not known whether they have destroyed the bridge at Colenso or not. Joubert is supposed to have 15,000 men under his command, and when the two forces join in battle, there will be a bloody contest. A successful sortie from Ladysmith would seem to indicate that Joubert has reduced the force besieging that place in order to strengthen his battle line at the Tugela. News of severe fighting in this part of South Africa may be expected at any moment.

One of the most serious difficulties with which the British have to contend is the sedition among the Dutch of Cape Colony. There is no longer any doubt that the inhabitants along the northern border are joining the Boers in large numbers, and the fear of a general insurrection is not without some grounds. When it is remembered that the Burghers in Cape Colony and Bechuanaland number 265,000, and that the English number only about 195,000, the significance of anything like a general uprising will be seen.

The British are pouring troops into South Africa as fast as transports can be secured, and 120,000 men are either with, or well on their way to join, the British Commander-in-Chief. All thought of a holiday campaign has long since disappeared. It is a life-and-death struggle, and the fighting will be desperate.

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**Bayombong Surrenders**

The stronghold of Bayombong, in the province of Nueva Viscaya, Luzon, was long reputed impregnable. During the four hundred years of Spanish occupation of the Philippines no Spaniard ever entered it. It was to this place that Aguinaldo was supposed to have retreated when he was driven out of Tarlac, and its capture was expected to be a difficult work, both on account of the almost impassable jungle and its strong defences. That it should have been taken by Lieut. Monroe of the Fourth Cavalry with only fifty men seems incredible, but an official dispatch from Gen. Otis states that the insurgent general surrendered the place with the 800 men under his command, and all the guns, stores and ammunition, on the peremptory demand of the self-confident American. He accidentally stumbled upon a telegraph station in an out-of-the-way place, and dictated a message to the terrified operator which caused the frightened Filipino general to yield the place without firing a gun. This is one of the most important events in connection with the struggle in the Philippines, and it only remains to drive the insurgents out of the province of Cavite in order to complete the conquest of Luzon. There will be guerrilla warfare waged for some time, both in Luzon and in several of the other islands, but the end is not far off, and the conquest of the Philippines is nearly accomplished.

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**Events Worth Noting**

The treaty for the partition of Samoa was signed in Washington last Saturday.

The mill owners of Fall River and New Bedford have advanced the wages of their operatives ten per cent., to take effect Dec. 11. About 41,000 hands will benefit by the advance.

A recent report from the Panama Canal states that 3,000 men are employed, but that it will take the labor of 12,000 men ten years to complete the work, and that the cost will be $103,000,000.

After six weeks of actual fighting, Great Britain officially notified the various nations that she is engaged in a war with the South African Republics.

The railroad between Talien-wan Bay and Port Arthur, the Chinese harbors acquired by Russia on the Straits of Pechili, was opened last week.

Gen. Hernandez, who is leading the revolt against the successful revolutionist, Gen. Castro, has taken the city of Maracaibo, Venezuela, after sixteen hours of fighting.

On Sunday the representatives of the Pollak Virag system of rapid automatic telegraphing succeeded in sending messages from New York to Chicago at the rate of 1,000 words a minute.

The Government of Austria-Hungary has asked the Reichsrath for an extra credit of six million florins — $2,880,000 — one-fourth for the army and the rest for the navy.

Only $16,496,100.09 worth of bonds having been presented for redemption within the time named by the Secretary of the Treasury, he has now announced that the Treasury will continue to pay the prices named until Dec. 23, or until $8,503,899.91 shall have been paid out.

After three years of litigation the United States Supreme Court has decided that the Addystone Pipe Company is doing business contrary to the Sherman anti-trust law, and that its contracts are void outside the limits of the State in which it was incorporated. This is a severe blow to trusts.

## THE COMFORT OF BOOKS

THERE are few sweeter anticipations, to one who loves and appreciates good literature, than the evening hour with some chosen book. Under the soft lamplight he enters into a new and changing world, full of delight and inspiration to mind and soul. For what Emerson said of the scholar is equally true of the discerning and helpful writer: "The public can get public experience, but they wish the scholar to replace to them those private, sincere, divine experiences, of which they have been defrauded by dwelling in the street."

It is the supreme delight and comfort of a good book that it introduces us to a world within ourselves, of which we might otherwise live in comparative ignorance. The door to this world is not easily found, and more and more the sordid, workaday experience of life piles up waste and weariness about it, so that, were it not for the guidance of strong, discerning souls, we might never lift its latch and enter into possession of our deeper, truer selves. But, once the way becomes known, what a profound and endless delight it is to retire each day for a time into this world of inner, divine experience! There is no comfort like that of a satisfied soul; and to sit down for an evening with an inspiring and instructive book is above all delights for pure and lasting quality. The joy of reading never palls, never wearies. The sweetness of it comes to one with delicious continuance and with infinite, refreshing variations, like the aroma of the procession of flowers, each in its ordered season. If one should live to be a thousand years old, his evening hour of reading, if he had loved it once, would grow dearer and sweeter to him till the last.

One of the profoundest comforts of books is the sense of silent companionship which they bring to him who loves them. The personality of a book is the most real and vital thing about it. You feel that it is not mere paper, ink and cloth, not even mere language, or mere art, but a human voice, imprisoned among those close-pressed leaves, and set loose by your loving touch, in tones far more vital and characteristic than the mechanical sound waves of the phonograph. It is a living voice breathed in your ear, it is a friendly soul talking with your soul. The voice speaks of many things that are common to you both — often, it would seem, most sacredly and intimately so. You are touched and moved by a rare community of experience; and thus the two personal, emotional factors, the soul of the writer and the soul of the reader, come together and fuse into a friendship and companionship as real and comforting as any friendship in the world.

Lowell used to say that he found in his favorite books "food for sorrow." They nourished the deepest, most sacred feelings of his soul, and were never intrusive, even there. Comforters they were, but not, he said, assuagers of sorrow. They came to him, like mutual friends, to share a common burden of experience, not to presumptuously attempt its lightening or removal.

It is comfort in the highest and most serious sense that books bring to us — sympathy for the soul, liberation and self-interpretation for the mind, expansion and quickening for the heart. If the day has been wearisome and trying and disappointing, there is evening peace under the lamp with one's silent friends — a divine sort of comfort, for which mere ease is a trivial synonym. The humblest of us is free to seek and partake of this peace in the companionship of the world's loftiest spirits. The best books, thank God! are now at every man's elbow, and lamplight and evening leisure are opportunities which few of us are utterly denied. Come, then, and let us enter into this sweetest, most comforting world of books, which we shall love the better the longer we live in it, and which will daily make us wiser and happier men and women.

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## PRAYER A CONSTANT ATTITUDE

WHEN Paul enjoined it upon his brethren in the Thessalonian letter to pray without ceasing, he did not mean that they were to leave their ordinary business and spend all their time in the task of prayer. He meant rather that they were to change that which tended to become a spasmodic exercise into a permanent attitude of the soul. Jesus rebuked the men who made prayer a performance suited to times and places; He showed us by His life what it is to have the soul in constant communion with the Heavenly Father.

Just now there is a seeming revival of a sort of Christian mysticism. It bears with it the danger of every mystical emphasis; but it is also laden with promise. The family altar in numberless homes has been torn down and its stones have been built into worldly houses. The church seems sometimes paralyzed, not because she is not organized and equipped by every material resource, but because the spiritual life of her membership is utterly wanting. The source of power is cut off, for the personal and family communion with God has been lost. Sometimes the flame flares fitfully; but it does not burn with steady or increasing splendor. We need the transfer from an intermittent exercise of communion into the constant abiding within the presence of the Most High.

And it will come. The emphasis upon machinery and material force will be found futile; it will drive men back to seek the power that they have lost. This power will be found in the life filled with the Holy Spirit. We have been too fearful that we should seem unnatural; we are to learn that Christianity is the religion of the Holy Ghost. This winter's revivals must be of this sort. They must be born of the Spirit's power, and they must lead men to the point where they will be filled with the Holy Ghost and with power. Rid of all the phrases of conventional religion, the Holy Spirit must be restored to its rightful place. This will make prayer, the great avenue of communion, a constant attitude of the soul.

## NEW ENGLAND BOOK-MAKERS

A SURVEY, however brief, of the book-makers of New England, if it be at all adequate to the merits of the case, can hardly fail to fill the breast of the genuine New Englander with something like honest pride. For it is a most honorable record. Providence sent originally to these bleak shores, in a larger degree than to the regions further south, men of education and men of brains. Many of them were college graduates, and one of their first acts was the establishment of a public Latin School and a College. All the rest has followed naturally from that momentous step. Their sons took to writing as ducks take to water.

The first chronicler of doings in these parts was William Bradford, one of the "Mayflower" band, second governor of Plymouth Colony, whose "History of Plymouth Plantation" has been of great value to those coming after him. Next followed Edward Winslow, also in the "Mayflower;" his journal has done excellent service. Governor John Winthrop's "History of New England," together with other treatises produced by his pen, has added to his well-earned fame. Thomas Morton, another of the Boston company but wholly different in character from Winthrop, wrote "The New England Canaan," reprinted in 1883. These, of course, were all English by birth. It is Nathaniel Morton who has earned the name of "the first American book-maker." His work, prepared at the suggestion of the commissioners of the United Colonies, entitled "New England's Memorial," was printed in 1669 at Cambridge, Mass. The bulk of the Plymouth records for half a century are in his hand-writing. Samuel Sewall, another American product (1662–1730), chief justice, a graduate of Harvard, printed in Boston (1700) a tract against African slavery on American soil — probably the first attack. His famous diary is of very great importance. Rev. Thomas Prince (1687–1758), for forty years minister of the Old South Church in Boston, was a learned and ambitious author, his chief work being, "A Chronological History of New England."

Starting off thus strongly in the historical line, it is not surprising that New England has in later years easily kept the lead in this department. Her historians are in the van. At the head of the later list, chronologically, stands Thomas Hutchinson (1711–1780), for quite a period the leading spirit of the Province, a native of Boston, graduate of Harvard, and a genuine New Englander. His "History of the Province of Massachusetts Bay" may fairly be called a praiseworthy production even from a literary standpoint. Jared Sparks, who followed much later (1789–1866) — omitting lesser names — did still better. Then came the splendid era inaugurated by George Bancroft, born in Worcester in 1800. Closely following were Richard Hildreth, John G. Palfrey, George Ticknor, William H. Prescott, John Lothrop Motley, T. W. Higginson, Francis Parkman, John Fiske and Henry Cabot Lodge — a group of historians of high rank, which certainly no other section of the country can begin to equal.

In the departments of religion, theology, and philosophy, the number of the names that must be mentioned in even a short *résumé* is even larger, for these grave pursuits were especially in line with the early bent of New England. Passing by Thomas Hooker, founder of Hartford, who wrote "The Covenant of Grace Opened" and many other godly treatises; John Cotton, minister of the first church of Boston, giving its name to the young town, thirty or forty of whose works have come down to us; and Roger Williams, Cotton's great opponent, founder of Rhode Island, we come to John Eliot, whose Indian Bible, made in the

middle of the seventeenth century, was the first Bible printed in British America, and the pioneer in that long line of philological and literary labors done by American missionaries in all parts of the world. The Mathers — Richard, Increase, Cotton, and Samuel — stretching in a direct line from 1596 to 1785, were the great clerico-literary family of early New England. They were very learned men, very influential in affairs, and industrious book-makers. Of Cotton Mather it was said that he sampled all knowledge accessible in New England, and that his chief work, "Magnalia Christi Americana" (1702), marks the beginning of eighteenth-century literature in America. It was an ecclesiastical history of New England from 1620 to 1698, in seven books, covering 800 folio pages. Mather's book was published in London; but that of Samuel Willard — pastor of the Old South and head of Harvard College — "A Complete Body of Divinity," 900 folio pages, was printed at Boston in very good shape, and book manufacturing in the external sense became now a thriving Massachusetts industry. Of the stupendous productions of Jonathan Edwards, Samuel Hopkins, Nathanael Emmons, and Timothy Dwight, covering the eighteenth century, it is not necessary to speak. Among the many later names of those during the present century delving in this theological and philosophical direction, those of William Ellery Channing, Lyman Beecher, Horace Bushnell, Mark Hopkins, Noah Porter, Phillips Brooks, Theodore Parker, Andrew P. Peabody, James Freeman Clarke, Francis Wayland, and Theodore Dwight Woolsey, should certainly be enumerated.

New England has done very notable things in the way of political literature. Beginning with Samuel Adams, a Harvard graduate of 1740, the most potent voice of his time in Massachusetts, we find coming close after him John Adams, his cousin, James Otis, Fisher Ames, Joseph Story, and John Quincy Adams, all of whom laid the country under great debt both by their speaking and their writing. Of New England's later sons who have greatly distinguished themselves in such matters we must only mention Daniel Webster, Rufus Choate, Edward Everett, Robert C. Winthrop, William Lloyd Garrison, Wendell Phillips, and Charles Sumner. To characterize them as they deserve would require many pages.

The same must be said concerning the prolific list of essayists and critics, which begins, of course, with the great name of Ralph Waldo Emerson. This illustrious Concord philosopher suggests Henry D. Thoreau and A. Bronson Alcott. Edwin P. Whipple in his peculiar vein has rarely been surpassed. And the same can be said of John Burroughs, chronicler of bird ways and field lore. No one has equaled in genial wit and wisdom the breakfast-table talk of Oliver Wendell Holmes. And the essays of J. G. Holland, Donald G. Mitchell, T. W. Higginson, Charles Dudley Warner, and James Russell Lowell leave very little to be desired.

Lowell, of course, comes into the charmed circle of the great New England poets (where we also put Holmes and Emerson), a circle of which Longfellow is the central figure, and John G. Whittier a most brilliant light. Among the minor luminaries of this same firmament appear John G. Saxe, J. G. Holland, T. B. Aldrich, Charles Follen Adams, Lydia H. Sigourney, Lucy Larcom, Louise Chandler Moulton, Celia Thaxter, and Julia Ward Howe.

The novelists and story writers of New England are headed by Nathaniel Hawthorne, one of the few great originals of America, perhaps "the greatest imaginative writer since Shakespeare." And Harriet Beecher Stowe stands out as the creator of that novel "which exerted a moral force in politics unequaled in the history of English fiction." Other women writers of well-deserved note are Elizabeth Stuart Phelps, Louisa May Alcott, Rose Terry Cooke, Sarah Orne Jewett, Mary E. Wilkins, and Catharine Maria Sedgwick. Jacob Abbott, John S. C. Abbott, Theodore Winthrop, Julian Hawthorne, Edward Everett Hale, and William Dean Howells must appear in any list of those who, by their pen, have interested and benefited their generation. Edward Bellamy, William T. Adams, Horatio Alger, Mary Abigail Dodge, Lydia Maria Child, and Mary A. Livermore, are also in many ways well worthy of note among our more recent New England book-makers. And in the matter of scientific works America, and the world, certainly owe a debt to such writers as James Dwight Dana, Asa Gray, Edward Hitchcock, William Dwight Whitney, James Hadley, Geo. P. Marsh, Benjamin Pierce, Louis Agassiz, Arnold H. Guyot, Horace Mann, and others for whom our columns have no room.

This catalogue of New England celebrities in the book-producing line, those who have been seized with the itch of paper friction, might be, it is evident, almost indefinitely extended. We might fairly claim for this section, besides those named above, many others who have had their birth, breeding, and education in its boundaries, but have moved outside its borders to spend the greater part of their productive life. Benjamin Franklin would head this list. Then would come William C. Bryant, N. P. Willis, R. H. Stoddard, Edmund C. Stedman, Horace Greeley, Charles A. Dana, Lyman Abbott, Helen Hunt Jackson, Fitz-Greene Halleck, and Edward R. Sill.

But we refrain. The history of American literature would be reduced more than half if New England's part in it were omitted. She cannot hope, of course, in the future to maintain the absolute pre-eminence which she has enjoyed in the past. Circumstances have greatly changed; much that was once in her favor has now turned the other way. But her magnificent institutions of learning, as yet unequaled elsewhere in the land, are still producing multitudes of ripe scholars, her sons are still foremost in all that makes for culture, and her books will long enlighten the nation.

## Death of Rev. Henry W. Conant

REV. HENRY W. CONANT died at the residence of his son-in-law, Sam Walter Foss, in Somerville, Nov. 29, after an illness of several months. The immediate cause of his death was pneumonia, and he passed away unexpectedly while resting his head upon the shoulder of his daughter, Mrs. Foss. A sudden pause in the conversation, a noticeable change in the face, a silence of some seconds, and then, with the expressive words, "Everlasting rest," on his lips, his spirit had gone to enter into that rest forever.

Mr. Conant was born in Mansfield, Conn., on April 14, 1825. He united with the Methodist Episcopal Church when fifteen years of age, and entered the ministry at twenty-five. He has been a member of the New England Southern Conference for forty-seven years. Since 1870 he has devoted himself mainly to the temperance cause. This reform absorbed him, carrying his thoughtful and ardent nature fully to its support. He participated in the campaign which secured the prohibitory law in Maine. He was for years the corresponding secretary of the Rhode Island Temperance Union. He inaugurated the movement which resulted, in 1868, in the New England Southern Conference Temperance Society, and was for several years its president and later its secretary. He was unremitting and very efficient in the effort — which proved successful — to secure the passage of the prohibitory law in Rhode Island, and later the constitutional amendment. He was an able and impressive speaker in advocacy of this cause, and forceful and convincing with his pen. He was so sincere, honest and unprofessional in opposing the liquor traffic that he commended himself

REV. HENRY W. CONANT.

to the sympathy and support of the best people in every community. Few men who have labored in this reform have achieved more or left such fragrant memories behind. It was our privilege to know Mr. Conant quite intimately; he was our neighbor. He manifested a charming sincerity, frankness and purity of motive which made his friendship a delight. He was ardently devoted to the members of his Conference. In his long illness he sighed especially for their companionship. Some months ago, his wife, an invalid for many years, passed on to her reward. His love and care for her were idyllic. Often on the street cars or at church we noted how he sheltered and protected her with a tenderness and devotion rarely seen. When she was taken, we did not think he would tarry behind so long. Either would be lonely in heaven without the other. A good man who has done a good work has gone to his reward. Besides the daughter mentioned, he leaves one son.

## The Group Movement Goes On

THE remarkable work on the Norwich District of the New England Southern Conference, to which previous reference has been gratefully made, is growing in power and gracious results. The following letter from the presiding elder, Rev. G. H. Bates, addressed to Bishop Mallalieu, though not written for the public eye, has so much of inspiration and hope in it, that we present it for the encouragement of our readers: —

*Thanksgiving, 1899.*

DEAR BISHOP MALLALIEU: We give thanks to God for the work of grace going on! Forty societies have now had group work. Thirty-one report conversions to the number of 271 — an addition of 72 since I wrote last. Our new men, Wood, Pratt and Johnson, are deep in this work and are delighting their people. Mr. Johnson has had seven conversions already at Tolland. The twelve groups are now all girded and giving resolute battle. The end is not yet; for the brethren believe that the work is just begun. I help the groups every possible chance, and send letters of cheer constantly to them all. It is blessed, blessed work!

Then the money begins to flow, as I believed it would. One man has given the whole debt on our parsonage at Mapleville as a thank-offering to God. Another outside man has given Mr. Betts $500 in memory of his father. Mr. Doane, converted when I was at Rockville, has given them $1,500, on condition that Mr. Corbin would

do what he promised me he would do six years ago — give the society the banks under the church, the rent of which is $1,000 a year. My being pulled up for the district hindered this, and I am, therefore, very glad to hear that Mr. Corbin consents and has turned over the deeds.

The improved conditions at East Greenwich also give occasion for gratitude to God. Confidence in that institution is gradually returning.

Fraternally yours,
G. H. BATES.

## PERSONALS

— Miss Lulu E. Frey, of the W. F. M. S., sailed last week from New York on her return to her work in Seoul, Korea.

— Evangelist George W. Wilson, of Providence, R. I., is assisting his brother, Rev. John Wilson, in revival work at New Vienna, Ohio.

— Miss Jennie Adams, of Pittsburg, Pa., has sailed from San Francisco for Foochow, China, where she will serve the W. F. M. S. at her own expense.

— Rev. Dr. J. T. McFarland, pastor of First Church, Topeka, Kan., is to write the "Critical and Homiletic Notes" for our *Sunday School Journal* for the full year of 1900.

— Rev. Stephen Bowers, Ph. D., who for more than five years has edited the *California Voice*, at Los Angeles, has been appointed State mine examiner by the governor of California.

— The efficacy of the Prohibitory law, when enforced, is being strikingly shown in Concord, N. H., under Mayor Martin, a Democrat, who, it is reported, is making it practically impossible to purchase liquor in that city.

— Mrs. Betsy Swartwout Washburne, wife of Rev. W. H. Washburne, D. D., pastor of Trinity Church, Troy, N. Y., and mother of Rev. R. H. Washburne, of Troy Conference, entered into rest, Nov. 29, aged 60 years.

— It is said that "W. A. Quayle, pastor of Meridian Street Church, Indianapolis, has congregations as big as his church, and his sermons are measured by his audiences. If he had more room, he would preach to more people."

— Rev. Dr. and Mrs. J. L. Humphrey will leave India for America in January. Dr. Humphrey, who began his missionary career in 1857, had the privilege of baptizing the first convert of the Methodist Episcopal Church in India.

— We are gratified to report that Rev. George B. Smyth, president of the Anglo Chinese College, Foochow, who has gone to Colorado for the winter for the benefit of his health, is encouraged by physicians there to anticipate early and complete recovery.

— Rev. Dr. Charles W. Drees, so revered and beloved throughout the church for his excellent work in the mission fields of Mexico and South America, is appointed by Bishop Andrews to Porto Rico, and will commence his work there early in January. The wisdom of the selection will commend itself to all.

— Rev. Arvine Clark Bowdish, of the New York East Conference, pastor of Trinity Church, City Island, New York, died Nov. 29. During the Civil War he was chaplain of the 149th New York Regiment. He was a brother of Rev. Dr. W. W. Bowdish, of Danbury, Conn., and of Rev. E. S. Bowdish, of Minneapolis, Minn.

— We are gratified to notice the following fact in the *Western Christian Advocate*: "Since the gift of $35,000, made by a devoted servant of God for the endowment of a chair in DePauw University, which was reported recently, other friends have made gifts — one giving $1,000, and another $15,000; and after a brilliant and inspiring lecture in Meharry Hall by Dr. W. F. McDowell, secretary of the Board of Education, before the students on Wednesday evening, the 22d inst., $1,010 was subscribed."

— The popularity of Lieut.-Governor-elect John L. Bates is convincingly attested in the fact that the official returns show that he led Governor elect Crane by 3,303 votes; and this is the more significant because Mr. Crane himself is generally very popular throughout the State.

— Secretary Thirkield of the Epworth League has already entered upon his work. Rev. L. T. Townsend, D. D., who is to spend the winter in Atlanta, will take the lectures on Practical Theology which Dr. Thirkield has delivered — an unusually fortunate arrangement for the Seminary.

— On Dec. 6, Bishop Andrews will hold the South Carolina Conference at Greenville, and Bishop Goodsell the Texas at Houston. On the day following the Atlanta Conference meets at Rome, Ga., under the presidency of Bishop Merrill, and the Alabama at Pratt City, Bishop Mallalieu in charge.

— Dr. S. A. Steel has been transferred to the Virginia Conference and stationed at Centenary, Richmond. We congratulate Dr. Steel that he is back again in the pastorate. May he more than achieve the splendid success of the olden days — which is enough to wish for any minister. We also congratulate the church that he is to serve.

— That is a notable contribution by Augustine Birrell on John Wesley in the December *Scribner's*. This writer sums him up in these strong terms: "No man lived nearer the centre than John Wesley. Neither Clive nor Pitt, neither Mansfield nor Johnson. You cannot cut him out of our national life. No single figure influenced so many minds, no single voice touched so many hearts. No other man did such a life's work for England."

— The statement transferred to our columns last week from the New York *Sun*, purporting to be the substance of an interview with Bishop Ninde relative to the habits of President McKinley, is disclaimed by the Bishop. In reply to an inquiry, the following telegram was sent, which appears in last week's *New Voice*: —

SAMUEL DICKIE: I vouched for nothing, and know nothing personally about the President's habits. W. X. NINDE.

— The *Homiletic Review* offered prizes for the best and second best original sermon sketches in each of four specified classes. The responses were so numerous that it required eighteen months to print, in the space allotted, all the outlines accepted. The editors decided which of the sketches received were worthy of publication, and from these the prize winners were selected by vote of the subscribers. The December number of the *Review* gives the award of prizes, and Rev. T. E. Cramer, of Somersworth, N. H., receives first prize under the head of "Revival Sermons," and his father-in-law, Rev. G. F. Love, receives second prize under the same head.

— Referring to the revival services held by Rev. Thomas Harrison in St. James Church, Chicago, of which Rev. Dr. Robert McIntyre is pastor, the *Northwestern Christian Advocate* says: "The presence of God has been singularly and powerfully manifested. At times the spacious altar has not furnished space for the many who came forward to seek the Lord Jesus. Many night services there have been to many older Methodists far more than a reminiscence of the olden days of traditional aggressive revival power. Men listened to the truth as if it had received some recent and newer sanction. They whose hearts God had touched sought Christ with strong cries and tears, and found Him willing and able to save. The work done during the past few weeks has been genuine."

— The *Central Christian Advocate* says that Rev. Dr. M. S. Hughes protests against the implication that the Methodist pulpit does not enjoy liberty of investigation and utterance, and quotes him as declaring: "In the dozen years of my pulpit experience I have never had a breath or a finger's weight of restraint put upon me." Dr. Hughes is right. We have yet to learn that any church in our Conferences has interfered with a minister's liberty of thought and speech.

— At the parsonage of the Maplewood Methodist church a quiet home wedding occurred at noon on Thanksgiving Day. Miss Bertha May, elder daughter of Rev. and Mrs. John R. Cushing, was married to Mr. Charles Tripler Child, editor of the *Electrical Review*, the father of the bride officiating. Mrs. Child is well remembered in Boston as a contralto singer of unusual ability. Mr. Child is a member of many scientific societies, an engineer of wide acquaintance, and an author of reputation in electrical circles. Mr. and Mrs. Child will make their home in New York city.

— The report of the memorial meeting in honor of A. Bronson Alcott's 100th birthday, which appeared in the Boston *Herald* of Nov. 30, was very interesting and suggestive. One said of him into whose home he came: "He looked like one of Christ's disciples." Another said: "I love to recall Alcott's personality, so large, sunny and fraternal. His spirit embraced yours with an almost physical embrace. He was not a hidden, solitary man, nor often sad. He was innocent with the innocence of childhood, and merry like it with small affairs. Nor was his inward being hidden from me. He wore it like an outer garment." Of the daughter, scarcely less remarkable, it was said: "How different was his daughter Louisa! The keen observer of life and manners, the witty story-teller with the pictorial mind — always sympathetic, practical, helpful — the mainstay of her family, a pillar of support to her friends; forgetting the care of her own soul in her interest for the general welfare; heedless of her own advantage — and thereby obtaining for herself, like a gift from heaven, the highest of all advantages and the greatest of all rewards. For the well-spring of her thought was truth, and the mainspring of her action was love. There can be no fine art, no great art, no art which is of service to mankind, which does not originate on this twofold basis." Among the paragraphs quoted from Alcott's unpublished writings are these: "1852 — A good brain did not come without preparation and virtues; it came through several descents; it rode all the way on the top of the wave; it was the foam, not the mud and sand. 1861 — There are facts that must be caught flying, and by a flying spectator."

## BRIEFLETS

Reading a bad book is worse than a waste of time, it is an abuse and desecration of time.

Indianapolis Methodism has opened a Deaconess Home at 419 East Vermont Street with three deaconesses, and has made arrangements for the purchase of ground and the building of a hospital in connection.

All the best literature is sown thick with figures of speech and turns of expression borrowed from the Bible. And it is significant that these phrases are distinctly the most effective in the passages where they

occur. The minds of educated modern men are so impregnated with the grand and beautiful diction of the Book of books that any suggestion of it in general literature comes to them with the moving sweetness of a strain of music that recalls some universally loved masterpiece.

A letter upon the Methodist Congress at St. Louis, arranged for and expected for this issue, for some reason was not received in time.

By reading the last column on this page, our readers will learn how easily they may secure some of the volumes mentioned in "The Best Six Books."

A Unitarian gentleman in England recently gave land valued at $2,500 for a site for a village Methodist church, and then gave $2,500 more for the erection of the same.

The *Michigan Christian Advocate* says: "Property in Havana that Bishop Candler could have bought last May for $35,000, and which he wanted for church, school and parsonage, is now held at $60,000. In this world's affairs the church isn't always wise."

In selecting gifts for the holidays, do not forget that a year's subscription to ZION'S HERALD would be very highly appreciated by many who do not feel able to subscribe for it.

Those ministers who strive to take advantage of the "Special Offers for New Subscribers," appearing in another column, may render others a substantial service while serving their paper and themselves.

Our list of "Six Best Books," by regular and representative readers, will be found of special interest. The books we read perhaps best reveal the real self; they are a sort of apocalypse of the inner life.

Every vital book is a threefold interpretation of God, humanity and nature. These three great factors, which constitute the "trinity of existence," will be found associated in every enduring work of literature; for they are so bound together that art could not separate them if it would.

Any volume mentioned in this Book Number will be sent post-paid, at the retail price, by Charles R Magee, 38 Bromfield St., Boston, and inquiry concerning any book named will be promptly answered by him.

The important papers read last week at the Methodist Conference, St. Louis, by our New England representatives, will be published in full in our columns as rapidly as we are able to devote the space to that purpose. Next week we shall publish Prof. H. C. Sheldon's paper on "Popular Biblical Teaching by the Church." The other addresses include: Prof. William North Rice on "Findings of Science and the Christian Faith;" Prof. B. P. Bowne on "The Present Needs of the Ministry;" Prof. J. R. Street on "The Religion of Childhood;" and R. F. Raymond, Esq., on "The Church and the Municipality."

Students of Bible history and all lovers of art will be greatly interested and profited by studying Tissot's paintings of the "Life of Our Lord Jesus Christ," which are now on exhibition at the old Providence Station in Park Square. Our readers will recall that we devoted nearly two pages not long ago to a sketch of the artist, with reproductions of several of his leading paintings.

We congratulate First Church, Duluth, Minn., upon raising, on its thirtieth anniversary, a debt of $35 000 on its edifice. Rev. Dr. S. P. Long, the pastor, was assisted by Bishop Joyce and the presiding elder, Rev. Dr. Robert Forbes. H. M. Bodley, the generous layman, made success possible by giving $12,000 of the amount.

At the Boston Preachers' Meeting, on Monday, several brief but vigorous addresses were made on the "No-License Question" — so soon to be voted upon — and a resolution was passed requesting the ministers to speak on the subject next Sunday evening, and to call special attention to the abutters' law and the district option. Let the work of agitation and education go on, whatever the immediate results may be.

Poetry appropriates every form of writing, transforms it, and incorporates it into itself. It is the great fusing power in literature. No other form of literature uses poetry in the same way. If it seizes upon it, it uses it intact, as quotation.

That the college in this country was established largely in the interest of Christian education and to a dominating degree for the preparation of the Christian ministry, is shown in the fact that the class of '33 in Bowdoin College "was dubbed the ministerial class, because sixty per cent. of its members took to the pulpit." There is a tendency to become pessimistic in comparing the present ratio of students preparing for the ministry with former times, but there is no real occasion for it. There is now no lack of ministers in any of the leading denominations, but in several there is a plethora. Besides, Christianity is apprehended as something larger and more widely embracing than it was a half-century ago — a *life* which men of all professions and in all occupations can magnify, honor and make potential and pervasive. Care must be taken not to generalize on this subject from too narrow premises.

A new book has this advantage over an old one — that the public is always curious and eager to know whether it be new in thought and spirit as well as in paper and binding; and nothing will hinder men until they have determined this. If, therefore, the fresh writer has a fresh message, he may be sure it will get a hearing. No book ever died from suppressed vitality.

There is general and deep regret at the announcement of the financial embarrassment of the old and honored house of Harper & Brothers, New York. J. Pierpont Morgan, the well-known banker, expresses the feeling that is prevalent in saying that the failure and extinction of this publishing house would be a "national calamity." Happily there is good promise that so serious a result is to be averted. As stated in a recent issue, G. B. M. Harvey, editor of the *North American Review*, is attempting the management and reorganization of the concern. The embarrassment seems to be due to the extreme difficulties which now confront all of the older publishing houses and newspaper enterprises, in the effort to meet modern competition.

Miss Emma L. Knowles, who returns to her beloved work in India this month, sends the following request for books which, we hope, will be promptly and generously complied with: "Returning to India, Dec. 20, and realizing the sympathy of our many friends for Darjeeling, I wish to ask them to donate one or two books each suitable for girls' reading or Bible study. There may be books in the libraries of my friends which they have read and would like to pass on to Indian girls. These need not necessarily be new. All such contributions should reach me before the 15th of December, and may be addressed to 540 Warren St., Newark, N. J."

## SPECIAL OFFERS FOR NEW SUBSCRIBERS

IN order to increase the circulation of our paper, and at the same time make it possible for our ministers and others to add to their libraries, the publisher makes the following offers: —

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To the minister of any Methodist Church of over 300 members, who will secure the largest number of bona-fide new subscribers for one year to ZION'S HERALD on or before Jan. 15, 1900, a special cash prize of $25 will be given, provided that at least twenty new subscribers are secured.

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III

To the minister of any Methodist Church of less than 150 members who will secure the largest number of bona-fide new subscribers for one year to ZION'S HERALD on or before Jan. 15, 1900, provided that at least ten new subscribers are secured, "The University of Literature" will be given, consisting of "A cyclopedia of universal literature, presenting in alphabetical arrangement the biography together with critical reviews and extracts of eminent writers of all lands and all ages." Editor-in-chief, W. H. DePuy, LL. D. (20 vols., 12mo, half-morocco, $35.)

IV

To ANY PERSON who will forward the name of one bona-fide new subscriber, and $2.50 for the same, will be given either of the following books, postage prepaid: "Honey from Many Hives," by James Mudge; "Through Nature to God," by John Fiske; or any other publication of the Methodist Book Concern, Houghton, Mifflin & Co., or Harper Brothers, which retails for $1 If a higher priced book is desired, the $1 will be allowed on the retail price of the same.

It is a condition of these offers that those who compete for the prizes shall not receive the book premiums.

GEO E WHITAKER, Publisher.

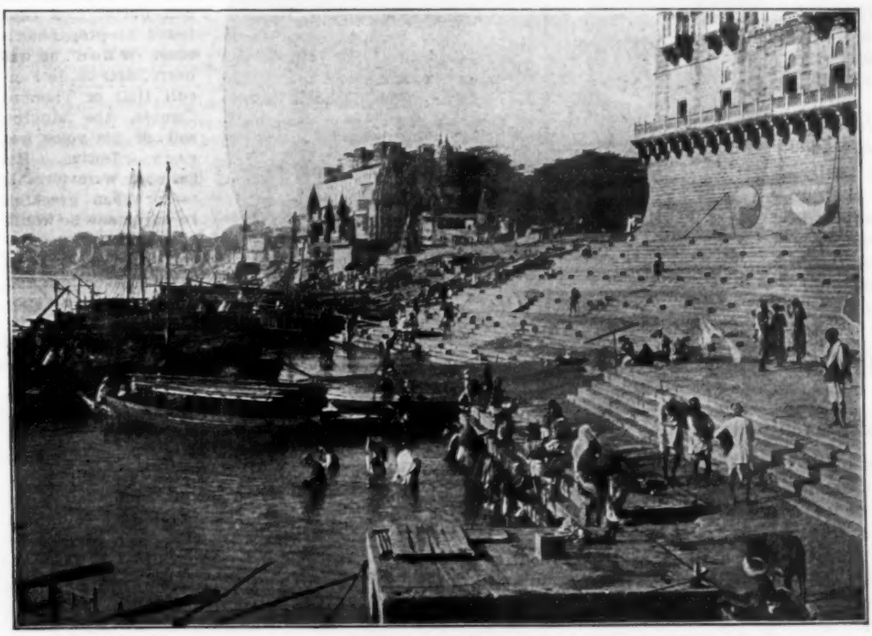
## THE BOOKS OF THE YEAR

FEW people, if asked, would be able to give much of an idea as to the total number of books published annually either in the world at large or in the United States alone. A contributor to the *Bookseller* recently figured out the total for thirteen countries — United States, United Kingdom, Canada, France, Germany, Italy, Egypt, Holland, Belgium, Norway, Denmark, Sweden, and Switzerland — at 77,250. He was forced to omit Russia, Spain, Portugal, Austria, China, Japan, India, Australia, Africa and South America. If the whole world were included, it is safe to say that the annual output of books would be not far from 100,000 volumes. Of these the United States is credited with only 5,315 — much less than Great Britain, Italy, France, or Germany. Still, even five thousand separate productions represent an immense amount of literary labor. It would surpass the power of any one man to give this mass of matter anything more than the most cursory attention if he should devote his whole time to it. A survey of even a few hundred of the books, together with a hasty glance at the titles of a few hundred more, leaves one with an increased respect for the intellectual ability and industry of the writers of today. But it also impresses one with the fact that the writers for tomorrow, among these thousands, are very few indeed. If one takes a carefully winnowed list of the books of the year, closely narrowed down to the best, he finds not many that will last beyond the present generation, perhaps a dozen, and the majority of the rest might fairly be said to be books *for* the year, and for that alone. How almost infinitely varied the subjects, how vastly diversified the styles and tastes!

What a business that of publication has become! No one who has not looked into the matter comprehends at all the large proportions it has reached. The ordinary reader is familiar, probably, with the names of ten or a dozen prominent houses, and little realizes that he must multiply these figures by ten or a dozen if he would get anything approaching a complete survey of the trade. In a single number of the *Literary World* we have counted over seventy publishers mentioned. And one of these, F. Tennyson Neely, of New York, Chicago and London, claims to publish annually over six million books, issuing on an average more than one publication a day, most of them apparently being dollar books. A single fact of this kind is a pointer as to the amount of money that is now involved in ministering to the wants of the reading public, and also as to the great diversity of those wants, for most of the readers of ZION'S HERALD have probably never seen a single copy of the scores of millions of Mr. Neely's issues.

One is impressed, in surveying the books of the year, with the fact that, while there are, of course, new writers constantly appearing, the bulk of the work is done by those whose names are already quite familiar. For example, in the eleven months past we find these well-known authors among those contributing to the out-turn of the presses: John Fiske, T. W. Higginson, Elizabeth Stuart Phelps, A. D. T. Whitney, T. T. Munger, Sarah Orne Jewett, Joel Chandler Harris, Max Muller, Rudyard Kipling, Henry Van Dyke, J. R. Miller, A. T. Pierson, Richard Harding Davis, Geo. A. Henty, Hezekiah Butterworth, Anthony Hope, S. R. Crockett, Hamilton W. Mabie, Julia Ward Howe, Amos R. Wells, O. S. Marden, Alexander McKenzie, Washington Gladden, Wm. Elliot Griffis, R. S. MacArthur, James Stalker, John B. MacMaster, Marion Harland, Robert Barr, Augustus H. Strong, Stephen Crane, Edward Everett Hale, Justin McCarthy, Silas K. Hocking, Egerton R. Young, Ralph Waldo Trine, Mark Guy Pearse, F. W. Farrar, Frank R. Stockton, Marvin R. Vincent, Shailer Mathews, Andrew Lang, Hubert Howe Bancroft, Borden P. Bowne, Seth Lowe, Charles F. Thwing, F. Hopkinson Smith, Julian Hawthorne, Mary Hallock Foote, G. Campbell Morgan, F. Marion Crawford, S. H. Kellogg, George D. Boardman, James S. Dennis, Wm. R. Huntington, James F. Rhodes, and Carroll D. Wright.

In fiction the year has brought nothing of very great moment, although it has produced a few novels which have attained extraordinary popularity, their sales reaching nearly half a million each. The editor of the *Bookman*, we notice, groups the best six novels of the year in the order of their importance from a literary point of view, as follows: "The Greater Inclination," by Edith Wharton; "David Harum," by E. N. Westcott; "The Maternity of Harriott Wicken," by Mrs. Dudeny; "Richard Carvel," by Winston Churchill; "The Market Place," by Harold Frederic; "When Knighthood was in Flower," by Edwin Caskoden. "Janice Meredith," by Paul Leicester Ford, would be put by most people in the same class as the preceding; it certainly is running them close in point of sales. Other prominent novels have been Miss Harraden's "The Fowler," Mr. Richard Whiteing's "No. 5 John Street," "Red Rock" by Thomas Nelson Page, and "A Confident Tomorrow" by Brander Matthews.



BATHING GHAT, BENARES.

[Illustration in "From the Himalayas to the Equator," by Bishop Cyrus D. Foss. Published by Eaton & Mains: New York.]

In the line of poetry the most notable issues have been Edwin Markham's "The Man with the Hoe and Other Poems," William Watson's "Collected Poems," Hardy's "Wessex Poems," Thomas Richard Hovey's poems, and Richard Realf's, together with "Rosamond, Queen of the Lombards," by Algernon Charles Swinburne.

Of more solid reading may well be mentioned the first volume of Encyclopedia Biblica, edited by Dr. T. K. Cheyne, and the second volume of the Dictionary of the Bible, edited by Dr. James Hastings. "The Moral Order of the World in Ancient and Modern Thought," by Alexander Balmain Bruce, concludes the many important works of this great man.

In biography the year has been especially prolific, giving the Love-letters of the Brownings, the Letters of Sidney Lanier, the Letters of Robert Louis Stevenson, Munger's "Horace Bushnell," Pierson's "George Müller," a part of Spurgeon's Autobiography, the Life and Letters of Phillips Brooks, the Life and Letters of Sir John Everett Millais, the Life of Wm. Morris, Life of Wm. H. Seward, Autobiography and Letters of Mrs. Oliphant, Geo. Adam Smith's "Life of Henry Drummond," and the Life of William E. Gladstone.

The Spanish-American war has led to a perfect flood of publications, chief of

which, perhaps, is Lodge's "War with Spain." But scores of books have been poured forth concerning Cuba, Hawaii, and the Philippines, to meet the demand of the hour. China, Japan, South Africa, Dreyfus, and the Jews, have also proved timely topics. John C. Ropes' "Story of the Civil War" and Sir George O. Trevelyan's "The American Revolution" belong to the more abiding class of historical works.

Methodist authors have not been idle during the year. The following is not a complete list, by any means, but it will serve to show a part, at least, of what has been done: Bishop Foster's volume on "Sin;" Bishop Foss' "From the Himalayas to the Equator;" the late Dr. Abel Stevens' last work, "Supplementary History of American Methodism;" Prof. Bowne's "The Christian Life;" Prof. Rishell's "The Foundations of the Christian Faith;" Prof. Gross Alexander's "The Son of Man;" Bishop Thoburn's "The Church of Pentecost;" Prof. C. T. Winchester's "Some Principles of Literary Criticism;" Prof. Frank R. Butler's "Elements of Literature;" Prof. H. W. Conn's "Story of the Living Machine;" Dr. Louis Albert Banks' "A Year's Prayer-meeting Talks;" and Dr. James Mudge's "Honey from Many Hives."

We have, as will readily be seen, only touched the fringes of the stream, leaving unnoticed great numbers of really valuable volumes. But this hasty sketch will serve its purpose if it has indicated even a little of what the presses of America have been producing in 1899. It could hardly do more in the small space at our disposal for this topic.

# SOME NEW BOOKS

## Julia Ward Howe's Reminiscences

NO book of the year will be read with more delightful interest than this illustrated volume of 450 pages, published by Houghton, Mifflin & Co., in which the revered author of "The Battle Hymn of the Republic" tells the story of her eventful life. As the volume is in itself on every page more interesting than anything that can be said about it, we devote the space at our command to excerpts from it.

### TAKING TEA WITH THOMAS CARLYLE

Thomas Carlyle was also one of our earliest visitors. Some time before leaving home, Dr. Howe had received from him a letter expressing his great interest in the story of Laura Bridgman as narrated by Charles Dickens. In this letter he mentioned Laura's childish question, "Do horses sit up late?" In the course of his conversation he said, laughing heartily: "Laura Bridgman, dear child! Her question, Do horses sit up late?"

Before taking leave of us he invited us to take tea with him on the following Sunday. When the day arrived, my husband was kept at home by a severe headache, but Mr. and Mrs. Mann, my sister, and myself drove out to Chelsea, where Mr. Carlyle resided at that time. In receiving us he apologized for his wife, who was also suffering from headache and could not appear.

In her absence I was requested to pour tea. Our host partook of it copiously, in all the strength of the teapot. As I filled and refilled his cup, I thought that his chronic dyspepsia was not to be wondered at. The repast was a simple one. It consisted of a plate of toast and two small dishes of stewed fruit, which he offered us with the words, "Perhaps ye can eat some of this. I never eat these things myself."

The conversation was mostly a monologue. Mr. Carlyle spoke with a strong Scotch accent, and his talk sounded to me like pages of his writings. He had recently been annoyed by some movement tending to the disestablishment of the Scottish Church. Apropos of this he said, "That auld Kirk of Scotland! To think that a man like Johnny Graham should be able to wipe it out with a flirt of his pen!" Charles Sumner

JULIA WARD HOWE.

[From "Reminiscences," by Julia Ward Howe. Houghton, Mifflin & Co.: Boston and New York.]

was spoken of, and Mr. Carlyle said, "Oh, yes; Mr. Sumner was a vera dull man, but he did not offend people, and he got on in society here."

Carlyle's hair was dark, shaggy, and rather unkempt; his complexion was sallow, with a slight glow of red on the cheek; his eye was full of fire. As we drove back to town, Mr. Mann expressed great disappointment with our visit. He did not feel, he said, that we had seen the real Carlyle at all. I insisted that we had.

### CHARLES SUMNER AND WENDELL PHILLIPS

I once invited Mr. Sumner to meet a distinguished guest at my house. He replied, "I do not know that I wish to meet your friend. I have outlived the interest in individuals." In my diary of the day I recorded the somewhat ungracious utterance, with this comment: "God Almighty, by the latest accounts, has not got so far as this." Mr. Sumner was told of this, in my presence, though not by me. He said at once, "What a strange sort of book your diary must be! You ought to strike that out immediately."

Sumner was often robbed in the street or at a railroad station; his tall figure attracting attention, and his mind, occupied with things far away, giving little heed to what went on in his immediate presence. Members of his family were wont to say, "It is about time for Charles to have his pocket picked again." The fact often followed the prediction.

Mr. Sumner's eloquence differed much in character from that of Wendell Phillips. The two men, although workers in a common cause, were very dissimilar in their natural endowments. Phillips had a temperament of fire, while that of Sumner was cold and sluggish. Phillips had a great gift of simplicity, and always made a bee line for the central point of interest in the theme which he undertook to present. Sumner was recondite in language and elaborate in style. He was much of a student, and abounded in quotations. In his senatorial days, I once heard a satirical lady mention him as "the moral flummery member from Massachusetts, quoting Tibullus!"

The first political speech which I heard from Mr. Sumner was delivered, if I mistake not, at a school-house in the neighborhood of Boston. I found his oratory somewhat overloud and emphatic for the small hall and limited attendance. He had not at that time found his proper audience. When he was heard, later on, in Faneuil Hall or Tremont Temple, the ringing roll of his voice was very effective. His gestures were forcible rather than graceful. In argument he would go over the ground several times, always with new amplifications and illustrations of his subject.

### MEETING JOHN BROWN

Some time in the fifties, my husband spoke to me of a very remarkable man, of whom, he said, I should be sure to hear sooner or later. This man, Dr. Howe said, seemed to intend to devote his life to the redemption of the colored race from slavery, even as Christ had willingly offered His life for the salvation of mankind. It was enjoined upon me that I should not mention to any one this confidential communication; and to make sure that I should not, I allowed the whole matter to pass out of my thoughts. It may have been a year or more later that Dr. Howe said to me: "Do you remember that man of whom I spoke to you — the one who wished to be a saviour for the negro race?" I replied in the affirmative. "That man," said the doctor, "will call here this afternoon. You will receive him. His name is John Brown." Thus admonished, I watched for the visitor, and prepared to admit him myself when he should ring at the door.

This took place at our house in South Boston, where it was not at all *infra dig.* for me to open my own door. At the expected time I heard the bell ring, and, on answering it, beheld a middle-aged, middle-sized man, with hair and beard of amber color streaked with gray. He looked a Puritan of the Puritans, forceful, concentrated, and self-contained. We had a brief interview, of which I only remember my great gratification at meeting one of whom I had heard so good an account. I saw him once again at Dr. Howe's office, and then heard no more of him for some time.

I cannot tell how long after this it was that

I took up the *Transcript* one evening, and read of an attack made by a small body of men on the arsenal at Harper's Ferry. Dr. Howe presently came in, and I told him what I had just read. "Brown has go' to work," he said. I had already arrived at the same conclusion.

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## Hillis' Great Books as Life Teachers

THE pastor of Plymouth Church, Rev. Newell Dwight Hillis, D. D., presents another of his unique books to the public. It will be remembered that we made generous excerpts from his last notable volume on "The Investment of Influence." We now give our readers a taste of this even more striking and luminous book. It is a work of nearly 350 pages, with twelve chapters, published by Fleming H. Revell Co., New York, Chicago and Toronto. The following is the table of contents: —

"The New Times, and the Poets and Essayists as Prophets of a New Era;" "John Ruskin's 'Seven Lamps of Architecture' as Interpreters of the Seven Laws of Life — A Study of the Principles of Character Building;" "George Eliot's Tito, in 'Romola' — A Study of the Peril of Tampering with Conscience and the Gradual Deterioration of Character;" "Hawthorne's 'Scarlet Letter' and the Retributive Workings of Conscience — A Study of the Necessity and Nobility of Repentance, and the Confession of Sin;" "Victor Hugo's 'Les Miserables' — the Battle of the Angels and the Demons for Man's Soul. How Jean Valjean was Recovered from Passion and Sin to Christian Service and Self-sacrifice;" "Tennyson's 'Idylls of the King' — An Outlook upon the Soul's Epochs and Teachers;" "The Tragedy of the Ten-Talent Men — A Study of Browning's 'Saul';" "The Memoirs of Henry Drummond, and the Dawn of an Era of Friendship between Science and Religion;" "The Opportunities of Leisure and Wealth — An Outlook upon the Life of Lord Shaftesbury;" "The Biography of Frances Willard, and the Heroes of Social Reform — A Study of the Knights of the New Chivalry;" "Blaikie's Life of David Livingstone — A Study of Nineteenth-century Heroism;" "The Christian Scholar in Politics — A Study of the Life of William Ewart Gladstone."

**Here are gems, such as may be taken from almost any page of the book: —**

Like Elijah of old, Carlyle loved righteousness, hated cant, and did ever plead for justice and mercy and truth. If his every sentence was laden with intellect, it was still more heavily laden with character. To the great Scotchman God gave the prophet's vision and the seer's sympathy and sceptre.

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Unlike that rich young man who went away from Christ sorrowful, John Ruskin gladly forsook all his possessions to follow Jesus. The child of leisure, he chose to earn tomorrow's bread by today's labor and toil.

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If Kant emphasized the starry heavens and the moral law, if Daniel Webster emphasized the thought of personal responsibility to God, Hawthorne believed the greatest thought that can occupy the human mind is the thought of justice and its retributive workings through conscience.

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From one viewpoint Tennyson's "In Memoriam" is the most important religious poem of the century, but from another "The Idylls of the King" form a moral parable of equal value and importance.

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If Martin Luther and Bishop Butler came at a strategic hour, it was the good fortune of Professor Drummond to speak at one of those psychological moments when the world, eager and expectant, waited for some prophet of reconciliation.

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Very early in Gladstone's career he developed the theory that the scholar can best rest his brain by change of occupation. Therefore in his library he had three tables, studying at one the problems of politics, at another the problems of religion, and at a third the problems of literature. An eager, tireless, indefatigable student for eighty-one years, he left a library of twenty-five thousand volumes — books filled with his notes, markings, references, and impressions of the author.

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The artist who would paint Lord Shaftesbury, who was one of the most distinguished members of Parliament, and also of her

JULIA WARD AND HER BROTHERS, SAMUEL AND HENRY.

[From "Reminiscences," by Julia Ward Howe. Houghton, Mifflin & Co.]

Majesty's government, must represent the tall figure, refined face, and the patrician posture, not as he stood upright, delivering some speech in the house, but rather as he stooped to flash his lantern upon the wanderers sleeping at midnight under Waterloo Bridge.

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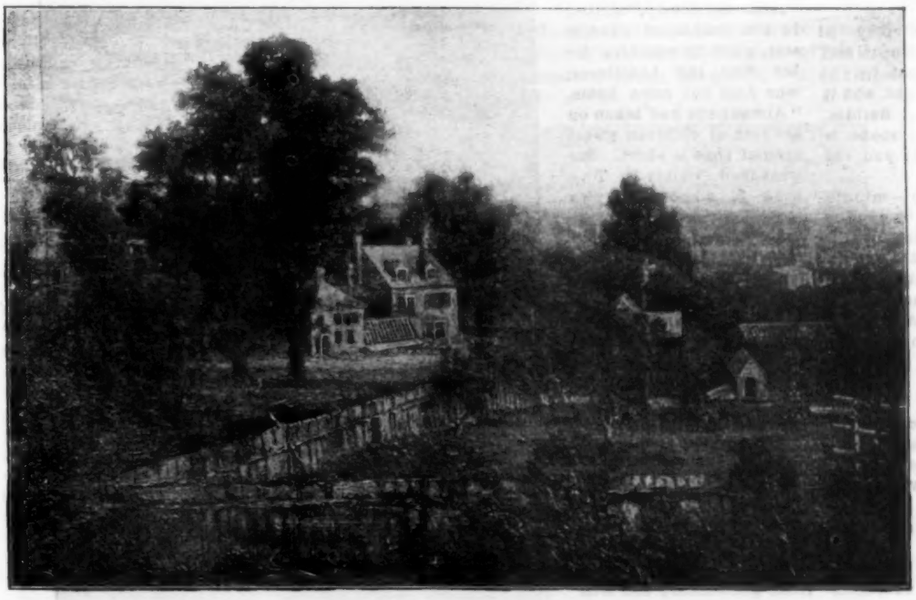
Here is Garrison, serenely setting type for the *Liberator*, smiling scornfully upon the mob howling in the streets below his windows, even though destined an hour later to be dragged over the stones with a rope around his neck, and who in that hour was the only cool man in all the demoniac crowd. And here is Lowell, tuning his harp to songs of liberty; and Emerson from his study flinging cold, philosophical reflections into the very teeth of slavery; and here is Beecher with his flaming torch kindling the fires of liberty all over the land; and here is Douglass with his scars, speaking eloquently of the horrors of the slave market and the cotton field; and here is John Brown with smiling face and sunny heart going bravely to his martyrdom; and here also the company of noble women with their books and songs and stories strengthening the battle line. Nor must we forget Florence Nightingale with her crusade in the hospital and prison; Horace Mann with his crusade against ignorance; Gough with his crusade against intemperance; General Booth with his crusade for the neglected poor in great cities, and Livingstone toiling unceasingly through weary years to encircle the Dark Continent with lighthouses for mind and heart. . . . . There in the sunlight stands, and shall stand



THE HOME AT SOUTH BOSTON.

[From "Reminiscences," by Julia Ward Howe. Houghton, Mifflin & Co.: Boston and New York.]

forever, that Whittier, whose message was, indeed, sweetness and light, but who, when the fugitive slave law was passed, acted the hero's part, forged his thunderbolt, and wrote "Ichabod" across the brow of the erring statesman.

## Amos R. Wells' Sermons in Stones

THE familiar objects of each man's daily life have furnished the author with themes and similes for a number of short and pithy talks on the higher matters of existence. Mr. Wells draws upon stones and stars, photography, telephones, printing, gardening and many other human activities for his analogies, which are thus brought home to the reader with altogether new force and effect. This is a good book for all times and all people. It is stimulating and informing intellectually, and it teaches some very pertinent and personal moral and spiritual lessons. The author reminds us of Henry Drummond, and deals with many phases of nature with a familiarity equally luminous. As an illustration of the author's treatment of his subjects, we present the twenty-third chapter, on

OPALESCENT FOLKS

In ancient times, before men learned how to cut the diamond, the opal was the most fashionable stone, most highly prized, and most costly. There are not lacking men in modern times who still hold to this ancient estimate of that beautiful stone.

No jewel, in all the range of precious stones, displays a finer array of splendid colors — the brightest tints of the rainbow, softened as if seen through a silver haze. As you look at it from different angles, or as you turn the stone, there come glimpses of the richest azure, the deepest emerald, the most fiery ruby, yet all of them mellowed by the opal's own charm, and very different from the dazzling brilliancy of the diamond and sapphire.

Whence comes this beautiful play of color, that takes its name from the opal, and is called "opalescence?" It is not in the stone. Hold the opal up to the light, and it has nothing but a yellowish tinge. Besides, the colors shift and vary, as the stone is changed in position. Let me tell you the secret of the opal's beauty.

The stone is filled with fissures — minute rifts in its substance, too small to be seen by the eye, yet not too fine to be seen by the light. These fissures catch up the light, beat it back and forth between their sides, and break it up into its constituent colors, very much as a prism would do. And so the stone, out of what might seem to be a flaw or blemish, draws its wonderful crown of beauty.

Have you ever seen opalescent men and women? They are all around you, shining with loveliness in many a Christian home. They are men and women whose lives are fissured with poverty, seamed with sickness, cleft with some deformity, shattered by blindness, or deafness, or ugliness; and yet these opalescent Christians make the very shattering of their body, and the flaws in their fortune, a trap for God's sunlight. They catch in these clefts of misfortune the rays that come from heaven. They toss them back and forth and from side to side of their seamed and fissured lives, and lo! we see them glowing with a beauty far more wonderful than any opal of earth, or any rainbow of earth.

A stone cannot make an opal of itself. A bit of clay, no matter how much it is shattered, will never glow with rainbow colors. But men and women are higher than the stones of the earth, and God has given each one of us the power of transforming our defects and misfortunes into beauty and grace, so that we, too, may become opalescent.

This book is brought out in handsome form by the new and flourishing publishing house of Doubleday & McClure Co., New York, and the price is $1.

## Elizabeth Stuart Phelps' Loveliness

With heart strangely warmed and eyes tear-wet, one closes this little volume, that holds within its less than fifty pages the beautiful, pathetic story of a silver York-

Elizabeth Stuart Phelps

shire terrier. "Loveliness" himself looks up with his bright eyes through his mop of silvery hair from the frontispiece; and there is a picture of his little six-year-old mistress, Adah, "lame and lovely," sitting in the cushioned window seat, pitifully watching for her dear lost Loveliness, who does not come home. "Already she had taken on the look of children whose span of time is short. She weakened visibly." The book is a powerful plea against vivisection. Loveliness is found at last by Adah's father, the professor, on the operating table of the medical laboratory of his own university, and is rescued just in time. "When the gag was removed, and the little creature, shorn, sunken, changed, almost unrecognizable, looked up into his master's face, those cruel walls rang to such a cry of more than human anguish and ecstasy as they had never heard before, and never may again." Little Adah grew strong and well and merry after the return of her beloved pet, and we leave her planning a party for Loveliness. Into hundreds of homes this touching story will find its way at Christmastide, strengthening love for dumb pets and creating an intense horror of vivisection. The illustrations, by Sarah S. Stilwell, are artistic and effective. The book is much the same in form and size with Miss Phelps' striking story of "The Supply of Saint Agatha's," which has enjoyed much popularity in previous gift seasons, and may well be noted for this and many future seasons also — the spirit of the "Supply" being that which illumines the future we all hope for.

LOVELINESS.
[From "Loveliness," by Elizabeth Stuart Phelps. Houghton, Mifflin & Co.]

## Booker T. Washington's Future of the American Negro

IT is no discredit to the many other representative men who are honoring their race and demonstrating the ability, equipoise and endurance of the Negro, to say that Mr. Washington seems to be called at the present hour to the supreme work of leadership. Few men of his years have been more highly honored by the English-speaking people of America and England, but, with all the distinction he has received, he yet keeps steadily and serenely on, leading his race to the promised land of intellectual and moral emancipation, to self-control, thrift, and happy homes. The best that he has been saying and writing for fifteen years is gathered up into a handsome volume of 250 pages, just from the press of Small, Maynard & Co., of this city, under the title, "The Future of the American Negro" A few paragraphs from this standard volume will illustrate its timeliness and strength: —

I believe the permanent cure for our present evils will come through a property and educational test for voting that shall apply honestly and fairly to both races. This will cut off the large mass of ignorant voters of both races that is now proving so demoralizing a factor in the politics of the Southern States.

But, most of all, it will come through industrial development of the Negro. Industrial education makes an intelligent producer of the Negro, who becomes of immediate value to the community rather than one who yields to the temptation to live merely by politics or other parasitical em-

ployments. It will make him soon become a property-holder; and, when a citizen becomes a holder of property, he becomes a conservative and thoughtful voter. He will more carefully consider the measures and individuals to be voted for. In proportion as he increases his property interests, he becomes important as a tax-payer.

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Somebody is so bold as to predict that the Negro will be absorbed by the white race. Let us look at this phase of the question for a moment. It is a fact that, if a person is known to have one per cent. of African blood in his veins, he ceases to be a white man. The ninety-nine per cent. of Caucasian blood does not weigh by the side of the one per cent. of African blood. The white blood counts for nothing. The person is a Negro every time. So it will be a very difficult task for the white man to absorb the Negro.

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I see no way out of the Negro's present condition in the South by returning to Africa. Aside from other insurmountable obstacles, there is no place in Africa for him to go where his condition would be improved. All Europe — especially England, France, and Germany — has been running a mad race for the last twenty years, to see which could gobble up the greater part of Africa; and there is practically nothing left. Old King Cetewayo put it pretty well when he said, "First come missionary, then come rum, then come traders, then come army;" and Cecil Rhodes has expressed the prevailing sentiment more recently in these words, "I would rather have land than 'niggers.'" And Cecil Rhodes is directly responsible for the killing of thousands of black natives in South Africa, that he might secure their land. In a talk with Henry M. Stanley, the explorer, he told me that he knew no place in Africa where the Negroes of the United States might go to advantage.

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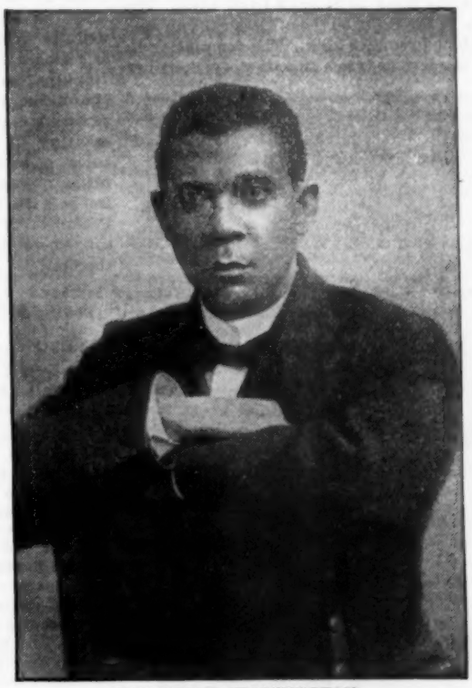
I wish to give an example of the sort of thing the Negro has to contend with, however, in his efforts to lift himself up. Not long ago a mother, a black mother, who lived in one of our Northern States, had heard it whispered around in her community for years that the Negro was lazy, shiftless, and would not work. So, when her only boy grew to sufficient size, at considerable expense and great self-sacrifice, she had her boy thoroughly taught the machinist's trade. A job was secured in a neighboring shop. With dinner bucket in hand and spurred on by the prayers of the now happy-hearted mother, the boy entered the shop to begin his first day's work. What happened? Every one of the twenty white men threw down his tools, and deliberately walked out, swearing that he would not give a black man an opportunity to earn an honest living. Another shop was tried with the same result, and still another, the result ever the same. Today this once promising, ambitious black man is a wreck — a confirmed drunkard — with no hope, no ambition. I ask: Who blasted the life of this young man? On whose hands does his life-blood rest? The present system of education, or rather want of education, is responsible.

## Bacon's Historic Pilgrimages in New England

IF there were any doubt as to the need of another book about Yankee land it is cleared by the appearance of Edwin M. Bacon's "Historic Pilgrimages in New England," published by Silver, Burdett & Co. Mr. Bacon conceived a happy idea for a new book on the subject, and he straightway set out to construct one which combines with a gossipy discussion of disputed myths and yarns an exceedingly accurate narrative of about all that is significant in the history that clusters about Massachusetts Bay, together with a delightful description of the monuments and antiquities that yet remain to mark the early times. It was a difficult undertaking, but he has encompassed it. He has given us a very vivid and complete story of early New England, while standing on the very spots where the stirring colonial drama was enacted. The famous places where the Puritans and Pilgrims planted their first homes, the ancient buildings, and the sculptures to the wise and dauntless founders of the great commonwealth, are visited, and while in the atmosphere of the associations the thrilling narrative is recounted.



BOOKER T. WASHINGTON.
[Courtesy of Small, Maynard & Co.]

The connecting thread in the book is the summer pilgrimage which a thoughtful young fellow from a Western college, accompanied by his father's friend, makes to the country of his ancestors. The boy's earnest curiosity stands for the interest which a number of millions of others feel in the same events and personalities and shrines. If the modern pilgrims to Boston could have such a guide, they would be in splendid luck, for they would not be allowed to miss at least a trace of every tradition and tale, from the landing of the Pilgrims to the first blow of the Revolution.

A satisfactory feature of the book is the snatches of old descriptions from early diaries and accounts. Every student has read more or less of these, but they are always difficult to be found when wanted. Mr. Bacon has gathered them together, and the book consequently, among other things, presents an edifying as well as quotable collection of contemporaneous documents. His conscientious accuracy is apparent. Disputed stories are shaken out until the truth seems pretty reasonably sure. The picturesqueness, also, is one attractive feature of the book; even statistics become vivid in this ex-editor's clever handling. The author has a sympathetic comprehension of the curious wonder which we often have as we try to transport ourselves to the side of the newcomers in the primitive wilderness, and more than once he answers our unexpressed query as he describes what must have been the inevitable impressions of those Pilgrims from an old civilization to a land where the world seemed to be beginning over again.

FIRST TOWN HOUSE, BOSTON.
[From "Historic Pilgrimages in New England."]

The numerous illustrations are of the kind that fit — representative and suggestive. Many reproduce famous landmarks, some of which have already gone under in the march of progress; their preservation in picture form is, therefore, of special interest and value. Other cuts are of historic personages, reproductions of paintings and statues. Besides the familiar places and people always represented in books of this ilk, there are not a few illustrations which will be new to the general reader and which have been gathered from out-of-the-way sources.

"Historic Pilgrimages" takes a unique place among books about New

England: It meets the desire of the student for a convenient compilation of what he cares most about in the early history of Massachusetts Bay; it meets the tourist's wish for a book which is at once a preparation and a souvenir; it will be very acceptable for supplementary reading in schools.

## Casper Whitney's Hawaiian-America

IN "Hawaiian-America" (published by Harper & Bros. and reviewed in a recent number) Mr. Whitney shows himself to be an enthusiastic advocate of the expediency of the political developments in Hawaii that began with the overthrow of the monarchy in 1893, and, moreover, a firm believer in the ability of the ruling "missionary" class to govern the islands to their best advantage. He gives considerable space to an exposition of the labor conditions, showing the good and bad sides of the present contract-labor system, and pointing out that of the Chinese and Japanese — both of whom have flocked to the islands in large numbers as contract laborers — the former are by far the more desirable immigrants. The natives are rapidly dying out, but Mr. Whitney lays stress on the fact that the children of mixed Hawaiian and European parentage are much sturdier and more intelligent than the full-blooded natives and promise to be a most desirable element in the community. He has studied the agricultural products with a special view to the chances for the successful investment of American capital, and he devotes interesting chapters to the sugar and coffee industries, the two most important. The book contains many illustrations from photographs. This is one of a series of authoritative, first-hand books, dealing primarily with the present social and industrial conditions in the territories newly opened up to American enterprise. Mr. Dinwiddie has already published a book on Puerto Rico and Mr. Franklin Matthews one on Cuba, and books on the Klondike and the Philippines are in preparation.

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## Moulton's Literary Study of the Bible

THIS book, which gives "An Account of the Leading Forms of Literature Represented in the Sacred Writings," has been before the public some four years, and has won high commendation for its great ability and excellence. It is now sent forth by D. C. Heath & Co., Boston, in a revised edition, partly rewritten and considerably improved. The author is confident that an increased apprehension of outer literary form is a sure means of deepening spiritual effect, and counts this the foundation axiom of his work. The work is wonderfully well done; and it is scarcely too much to say that one's conception and appreciation of the Bible will be revolutionized after perusing this volume. The ordinary Christian who scarcely reads his Bible a all will not, of course, feel any need of so elaborate an introduction to it as this; and the simple minded, warm-hearted devotee who reads exclusively for thrill or for stimulus to his faith and love, would only be perplexed should he turn over these six hundred pages. But whoever wishes to ascertain what the writers of the Bible really said, cannot afford to ignore the form in which they said it, and there is no better guide than Professor Moulton.

Among the forms of lyric poetry contained in the Scriptures he mentions Folk Songs, Odes, Elegies, Meditations, Monodies of Experience, Prayers and Litanies, Dramatic Lyrics, Anthems, Ritual Psalms, and Visions. He similarly subdivides Epic Literature, Wisdom Literature, Prophetic Literature, the Literature of Address, and the Literature of Idyll. The Book of Ruth he calls an Epic Idyll, the Song of Songs a Lyric Idyll. The story of the Creation (Gen. 1) he calls an epic incident in sonnet form. The temptation in the Garden he terms an epic story, meaning by epic, not fiction, but "creative poetry which is not like history and philosophy tied to reality," "creative treatment in contradistinction to discussion." These illustrations will show the author's method and give a little idea of its value. Ministers especially ought to make themselves masters of this volume.

A BIT OF OLD PLYMOUTH.
[From "Historic Pilgrimages in New England."]

## Gilman's Life of Professor Dana

PROF. JAMES DWIGHT DANA was one of those men, of whom we have far too few, who combined a strongly developed religious character that never knew any compromise with evil or had any tendency toward unbelief with equally strong scientific aptitudes, the cultivation of which placed him in the foremost ranks of modern scholars. He devoted his life to the fearless discovery of the secrets of nature and the defense of scientific truth, while possessing also the most vigorous moral convictions, definite principles and devout aspirations. His biographer, President Gilman of Johns Hopkins, has given us, in excellent form (published by Harper & Brothers), the story of a consecrated life. He says: "The closest scrutiny of every period has revealed no traces of selfishness, no neglect of opportunities, no unworthy motives. From first to last this life has exemplified the words of the Psalmist: 'The works of the Lord are great, sought out of all them that have pleasure therein.'"

## SIX BEST BOOKS

BELOW are grouped the replies of a goodly number of our readers, sent in response to a request to name the six best books they had read during the year:—

*Louise Manning Hodgkins.* — There has been but one "best book" published this year, and that's the Browning Love-letters. But among the rest that have held my interest to the last page have been Thwaite's The Colonies; Hart's Foundation of the Union; Woodrow Wilson's The Civil War and Reunion; Dr. Elizabeth Denio's Nicholas Poussin; and Churchill's Richard Carvel.

*Rev. Charles F. Rice, D. D.* — Outline of Christian Theology (Clarke), Reminiscences (McCarthy), History of Our Own Times Vol. III. (McCarthy), Red Rock (Page), Richard Carvel (Churchill), Life of Henry Drummond (George Adam Smith).

*Dean W. E. Huntington, Ph. D.* — Van Dyke's The Gospel for an Age of Doubt; Richard Carvel; Lowell's Essays; E. H. Bennett's The Four Gospels from a Lawyer's Standpoint; Browning's Poetry; John Fiske's Through Nature to God.

*Rev. John Galbraith, Ph. D.* — The Unheeding God is the best for thought in sermons. Old Testament Heroes (8 vols.) the best for spiritual fervor. The Life of Henry Drummond for an inspiration. Bismarck, the Man and the Statesman (2 vols.), the best for a view of the motives that made the man and the German empire.

*Walter M. Codding.* — Human Immortality, William James; The History of the Development of English Thought, Simon Patten; The Column and the Arch, W. P. Longfellow; Political Crime, Louis Proal; Marie Antoinette, C. Tschudi; Trooper 3809, Lionel Decle.

*Katharine Lente Stevenson.* — Between Cæsar and Jesus, George D. Herron; No. 5 John Street,

Richard Whiteing; When Knighthood was in Flower, Edward Caskoden; Richard Carvel, Winston Churchill; Voices of Hope, Horatio Dresser; The Day's Work, Rudyard Kipling.

*Rev. Edward M. Taylor, D. D.* — The Development of English Thought, S. N. Patten; The Gospel of the Atonement, Archdeacon Wilson; What Shall we Think of Christianity? W. N. Clarke; Qualifications for Ministerial Power, C. C. Hall; Through Nature to God, John Fiske; God's Education of Man, President Hyde; The Map of Life, Lecky.

*Prof. Dallas Lore Sharp.* — If you do not mean *new* books, the six most interesting to me this year have been: Ruskin's Præterita, Fiske's Through Nature to God, E. S. Thompson's Wild Animals I have Known, Kipling's Stalky & Co., E. E. Hale's Lowell (Life of), G. A. Smith's Isaiahs.

*Herbert A. Thayer.* — Sloan's Life of Napoleon, Thackeray's Vanity Fair, Bronte's Jane Eyre, Higginson's Cheerful Yesterdays, Bullen's Cruise of the Cachalot, Wyckoff's The Workers.

*Mrs. B. P. Bowne.* — My reading during the past year has been mainly biographical. I can recommend the following works: Life and Letters of Lord Lawrence, Life and Letters of Dean Stanley, Life of Henry Drummond, Lowell's Life and Letters, Life of Jane Austin, Life of Harriet Beecher Stowe.

*Rev. F. J. McConnell.* — The Christian Life: A Study, Bowne; The Gospel for a World of Sin, Van Dyke; Quiet Talks with Earnest People, Jefferson; With Open Face, Bruce; The Industrial History of England, Gibbons; The World's Rough Hand, Whitmarsh.

*Rev. Hosea Hewitt.* — As far as I can now judge, the cream of my reading, outside the Book of books, has been: 1. Ruskin's Modern Painters; 2. Scribner's New Dictionary of the Bible — (1) "Incarnation," by Ottley, (2) "Epistle to the Hebrews," by Bruce, (3) "Genesis" and "Flood," by F. H. Wood, (4) The elaborate and luminous article, "Jesus Christ," by Dr. Sanday; 3. McCarthy's Reminiscences; 4. Jacob's Life of Luther; 5 George Barnett Smith's Life of Her Majesty Queen Victoria; 6. Chittenden's Recollections of the Administration of Lincoln.

*Rev. George W. Hunt.* — Hard to select. Do not know what you mean by "best." Best book I have read is the Bible. Will mention following as good: Cure of Souls, by Maclaren; New Puritans, by Abbott and others; Personal Influence, by Dr. Hillis; Letters of Robert Browning and Elizabeth Barrett; The Christ of History, by Young; The Person of Christ, by Philip Schaff; Enemies and Evidences of Christianity, by Quackenbos.

*Caroline Carpenter.* — The Story of Two Noble Lives, Augustus Hare; The Gospel for an Age of Doubt, Henry Van Dyke; The Book of Job, Anon; Cranford, Mrs. Gaskell; David Harum, Edward Westcott; The Court of Louis XV., Imbert de Saint Armand.

*Rev. J. D. Pickles, Ph. D.* — The books which, among others, have broadened my vision and stimulated thought during the past year are the following: McKenzie's Christian Missions, Kent's Hebrew People, Barrow's World Subject to Christianity. Life of R. W. Dale by his son, Life of Bushnell by Munger, Clarke's Outline of Christian Theology, Prophets of Israel by Cornill, Fiske's Through Nature to God.

*Mrs. G. S. Butters.* — I have read recently: The Workers (Wyckoff), Life of Paul (W. M. Taylor), David Harum (Westcott), Concerning Isabel Carnaby (Fowler), Life and Letters of Elizabeth Prentiss, Methodist Idylls (Harry Lindsay).

*Rev. R. E. Bisbee.* — The Twelve Prophets (2 vols.), by George Adam Smith; The New Economy, by Laurence Gronlund; The Victory of the Will, by Victor Charbonnel; Social Phases of Education, by Samuel T. Dutton; Psychism, by Paul Gibier; Between Jesus and Cæsar, by George D. Herron.

*Samuel E. Pingree.* — I have read the past year only David Harum, The Teller, and the last volume of the Union and Confederate Records (the most stirring and interesting of historic books extant), and have reread Lorna Doone.

*Mrs. A. H. Webb.* — Investment of Influence, The Bible in the World's Education, In His Steps, Adam Bede, Ramona, Silence of Dean Maitland.

*Rev. Charles A. Crane, D. D.* — Eternal Atonement, Roswell D. Hitchcock; Psalmist and Scientist, Matheson; Aspects of Religious and Scientific Thought, Hutton; The Word of God, Horton; Christ of Today, Gordon; Jerome, Mary E. Wilkins.

*Frances H. Tribou.* — Great Books, Dean Farrar; Les Miserables, Victor Hugo; David Harum, Edward Westcott; A Son of the Old Dominion, Mrs. Burton Harrison; Prisoners of Conscience, Amelia Barr; Brave Little Holland, W. E. Griffis, D. D.

*Rev. C. S. Cummings.* — Of the books read this year I have received the most help from Evolution of Christianity, by Abbott; "History of the Hebrew People" and "History of the Jewish People" by Kent and Sanders; Extemporaneous Oratory, by Buckley; and David Harum.

*Rev. James Mudge, D. D.* — William Newton Clarke's An Outline of Christian Theology; The Browning Courtship Letters; J. S. Dennis' Christian Missions and Social Progress; Letters of James Russell Lowell; John Fiske's Through Nature to God, The Idea of God, The Destiny of Man; Honey from Many Hives.

*Mrs. Annie E. Smiley.* — I have greatly enjoyed reading the following books: The Investment of Influence, by Newell Dwight Hillis; The Battle of the Strong, by Gilbert Parker; Life of Lord Shaftesbury, by Jennie M. Bingham; The Story of John G. Paton, by Rev. James Paton, B. A.; A Study of a Child, by Louise E. Hogan.

*Rev. Franklin Hamilton.* — My list, for which you ask, is as follows: Harnack's *Grundriss der Dogmengeschichte;* Sabatier's *Vie de S. Francois D'Assise;* Ladd's Philosophy of Knowledge; Clarke's Theology; Samuel Pepys' Diary; Fiske's Critical Period of American History.

*Rev. Richard Povey.* — Present Day Theology, Stearns; Does God Send Trouble? Hall; The Old Testament under Fire, Behrends; Social Meanings of Religious Experiences, Herron; Evolution or Creation, Townsend; Gospel for an Age of Doubt, Van Dyke.

*Rev. Daniel Steele, D.D.* — Bishop Westcott's Epistles of St. John; Dr. Clarke's Theology; Dr. G. H. Dryer's History of the Christian Church; Life of Lord Shaftesbury, by Jennie M. Bingham; God Revealed, by Dr. C. W. Gallagher; The Sign of Thy Coming, by Rev. G. W. Wilson.

*Mrs. C. H. Stackpole.* — To select from miscellaneous reading the books which are "best," is not easy; the judgment is so largely influenced by the purpose for which one reads. Besides, this has not been a reading year with me. However, I make the following selections: Caleb West, by F. Hopkinson Smith; Via Crucis, by F. Marion Crawford; Life and Letters of Longfellow, by Samuel Longfellow; In the Boyhood of Lincoln, by Hezekiah Butterworth; The Investment of Influence, by Newell Dwight Hillis; Remember Jesus Christ, by Robert E. Speer.

*Rev. George Alcott Phinney.* — The following books have been a special blessing to me during the past year: The Tenderness of Christ, Bishop Thorold; The True Life and Other Sermons, Robert Eyton; Fresh Fields, John Burroughs; Makers of Florence, Mrs. Oliphant; The Development of English Thought, Dr. Patten; Religion in History and Modern Life, Dr. Fairbairn.

*Rev. Thomas Tyrie.* — Ethics and Revelation, H. S. Nash; The Divine Drama, Granville Pike; The Revelation of Jesus, Geo. H. Gilbert; An Outline of Christian Theology, Clarke; Great Poets and their Theology, President Strong; Life of Lord Tennyson (2 vols.), Hallam Tennyson.

*Mrs. F. H. Knight.* — Honey from Many Hives, by Dr. James Mudge; Standish of Standish, by Jane Austin; Verbum Dei, by R. F. Horton, M. A.; Study of Child Nature, by Elizabeth Harrison; Poets of America, by E. C. Stedman; Sonnets from the Portuguese, by Mrs. Browning.

*Rev. W. H. Butler.* — Giddings' Principles of Sociology; Nast's Genesis of the Social Conscience; Van Dyke's Gospel for an Age of Doubt; Trevelyan's Macaulay, Life and Letters; Morley's Burke; Cable's Old Creole Days.

*Rev. Dillon Bronson.* — Have read mostly books of travel this year in preparing a new set of lectures for my people. In addition to these, I have been interested in Trine's In Tune with the Infinite; Andrew Murray's Like Christ and the Spirit of Christ; also the six little volumes, "The Preachers of Today," published in London. Am now enjoying Whiteing's No. 5 John Street.

*Mrs. E. H. Thompson.* — The Story of Jesus Christ, Elizabeth Stuart Phelps; The Ideal Life, Prof. Drummond; Foretokens of Immortality, Newell Dwight Hillis; The Potter's Wheel, Ian Maclaren; From Sea to Sea, Rudyard Kipling; Concerning Isabel Carnaby, Ellen Thorneycroft Fowler.

*Rev. W. J. Heath.* — The Races of Man, Peschel; The Last Things, Beet; The Gospel for an Age of Doubt, Van Dyke; Longfellow's Poems; The Idea of God, Fiske; Verbum Dei, Horton. I make no mention of fiction, some good and some bad.

*Rev. S. M. Dick, D. D.* — The six books that I should mention as having been especially helpful to me are as follows: The Book of Isaiah (2 vols.), by Geo. Adam Smith; The Gospel for an Age of Doubt, and The Gospel for a World of Sin, Van Dyke; With Christ in the School of Prayer, Murray; The Spirit-filled Life, McNeill; In the Upper Room, Watson. A good deal of my reading has been history by periods rather than books.

*Mrs. E. O. Fisk.* — I have read during the past year: Duchess of Angouleme (Women of the French Court Series), by Imbert St. Armand; Margaret Ogilvie, by J. M. Barrie; David Harum, by Edward Noyes Westcott; In His Steps, by Charles M. Sheldon; Prescott's Charles the Fifth; but with no idea of making a representative list. My little girl says I ought to add the Story of a Bad Boy, by T. B. Aldrich, which is a charming story for children in spite of its unfortunate title.

*Rev. C. E. Holmes.* — It is rather difficult to differentiate six books as absolutely the best out of the number which one peruses in a year. But from the distinctness with which I recall them and the original impression made, the following seem to stand well toward the front: The Christian Revelation, by Prof. B. P. Bowne; The Ritschlian Theology and the Evangelical Faith, James Orr, D. D.; Afternoons in the College Chapel, Prof. Francis G. Peabody, D. D.; The Christ of History and of Experience, Rev. D. W. Forrest, M. A.; The Incarnation of the Son of God, by Charles Gove; David Harum, by E. N. Westcott.

*Elizabeth Northup.* — Time-seasoned books are better than the new ones, and have claimed a good share of my attention this twelvemonth. Also, I am necessarily something of a specialist in my reading. I judge that you want this year's output, however, and here is my list — the best I have read: Richard Carvel, Winston Churchill; David Harum, Edward Noyes Westcott; Elizabeth and Her German Garden; Tiverton Tales, Alice Brown; The Development of the English Novel, Wilbur L. Cross; Through Nature to God, John Fiske.

*Rev. E. S. Stackpole, D. D.* — White's Warfare of Science and Theology, Pfleiderer's Philosophy and Development of Religion, Brinton's Primitive Religions, Fiske's Through Nature to God. Lang's The Making of Religion, Montefiore's Lectures on the Origin and Growth of Religion, Churchill's Richard Carvel.

*Rev. Geo. D. Lindsay.* — Permit me to say that I do not make a rush for every new book. I generally wait for the opinions of others. The books that have interested me most have been: Ecce Clerus; Through Death to Life, by Dr. Thomas; Ideas from Nature, by Dr. Elder; A Year in the Fields, by John Burroughs; The Life and Growth of Language, by Wm. Dwight Whitney; Painter's History of Education.

*Mrs. E. C. Bass.* — The Story of Jesus Christ, Elizabeth Stuart Phelps; Life and Letters of Harriet Beecher Stowe, Mrs. James T. Fields; Mind of the Master, Dr. Watson; The Divine Force in the Life of the World, Dr. McKenzie's Lowell Institute Lectures; Joan of Arc, Mark Twain; David Harum, Westcott.

*H. G. Herrick.* — In reply to your postal asking me to indicate the six best books I have read in the last year, I am compelled to say that, owing to a trouble with my eyes, I have not read six books in the whole year. My reading has been limited to magazines and newspapers, and only enough of them to keep me informed of what is going on in the world. ZION'S HERALD I have read pretty thoroughly, and call that better than any six books I know of. Prof. Bowne's two series of articles — if they were books — I should put in the list of six if I had been able to read fifty.

# THE FAMILY

## HIS BELOVED SLEEP

ADA MELVILLE SHAW.

As children dear, when evening shadows gather,
Come trooping home to mother's side again,
We, too, the busy hours of life all over,
Turn us away alike from joy and pain;
We seek the shelter of the Arms Eternal
Whose clasp can heal the wounds that lie so deep,
And, like a child on mother-bosom nestled,
Forget the day in silent, dreamless sleep.

Then comes the morn, the sun and mother's kisses,
An untried day awaiting eager feet,
The dew-washed earth enwrapped in cloudless glory,
The air all rapturous with bird-song sweet.

O glad, new morn in God's love-radiant country,
Blessed are they who waken in thy light!
For they *shall* wake who sleep upon His bosom;
His tender voice shall rouse them, when the night
Of death has stolen all their pain and sorrow,
And brought refreshing to their watch-worn eyes;
For death is but the hush of children sleeping
To wake with smiles when dawn lights up the skies.

*Chicago, Ills.*

# Thoughts for the Thoughtful

Build up, Soul, a lofty stair,
Build a room in healthier air!
Here there is no rest,
Better climbs to best.

— *Lucy Larcom.*

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Seek your life's nourishment in your life's work. — *Phillips Brooks.*

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There are two kinds of folded hands — those that lie upon empty laps, and those that lie upon finished work. — *James Buckham.*

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People can't grow unless they have a chance to stretch now and then — men and women any more than babies. — *A. D. T. Whitney.*

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"If you want to be wretched, look *within*. If you want to be distracted and fearful, look *around*. If you want to be peaceful and happy, look *up*."

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We can only give what we have. Happiness, grief, gayety, sadness, are by nature contagious. Bring your health and your strength to the weak and sickly, and so you will be of use to them. Give them, not your weakness, but your energy — so you will revive and lift them up. Life alone can rekindle life. — *Amiel.*

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All along our earthly life we are shut in with God, as it were, in little spaces. We must live a day at a time. The mornings are little hill-tops from which we can look down into the narrow valley of one little day. What lies over the next hill we cannot tell. Perhaps, when we come to it, it may reveal to us a lovely garden through which our path shall go on. Or it may show us a vale of shadows, or a path amid briers. No matter; we have but the one little valley of the day now in sight. Evening is our horizon. Here in this one little day's enclosure we can rest as in a refuge. Tomorrow's storms and cares cannot touch us. — *J. R. Miller, D. D.*

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How all along life we find it that they who are the kindest and tenderest and truest, who understand your troubles as by instinct, are they who, because of their own inner experiences, have acquired the gladdening, refreshing strength they bestow, the compensation God gives those who learn to get out of themselves, and feel and live for others. — *J. F. W. Ware.*

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We have heard of the Wâdy Mukatteb, in the Arabian Peninsula, with its "written rocks" — the strange hieroglyphics of later pilgrims in the track of the Israelites. Lift your eye to a great monolith in the wilderness of affliction. Let the gleam of the fiery pillar fall on its letterings. It is an inscription applicable to all varying seasons and phases of trial: "As thy days, so shall thy strength be." — *J. R. Macduff, D. D.*

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The great possibilities of the Christian life are possibilities for every Christian. Not to a few only, but to all who are pure in heart, is it given to see God. Not to now and then one alone, but to all who abide in Christ, is the freedom which He has promised, granted. It is not He who has shut us into our narrow, unfruitful, joyless experience, but we who have not faith enough in Him, or love enough for Him, to come forth into a larger life. — EDWARD B. COE, D. D., in "Life Indeed."

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You need not break the glasses of a telescope, or coat them over with paint, in order to prevent you from seeing through them. Just breathe upon them, and the dew of your breath will shut out all the stars. So it does not require great crimes to hide the light of God's countenance. Little faults can do it just as well. Take a shield and cast a spear upon it, and it will leave in it one great dent. Prick it all over with a million little needle shafts, and they will take the polish from it far more than the piercing of the spear. So it is not so much the great sins which take the freshness from our consciences, as the numberless petty faults which we are all the while committing. — *Henry Ward Beecher.*

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The sacrament of service does not always present itself in ways dramatic, or picturesque, or exciting. . . . Here is a life, full of its ambitions, ideals, visions, and it is called one day to sacrifice them all for the obligations and responsibilities of home. It has to surrender the great hope for the small duties; and the routine and flatness of duty seem so deadly that the heart cries out, as one young girl once cried: "O God, make me anything, so I be not commonplace!" But what is this but Jesus Christ, again, testifying to His right to leadership by stooping to serve? It is often much easier to do the conspicuous and dramatic duty — even if it be a hard duty — than it is to efface one's self in homely service; just as in modern Italy noble ladies make it a pious duty to wash the feet of picturesque old women in the church instead of girding themselves to the obscurer task of cleansing the life and the slums of the poor. But the sacrament cannot be taken vicariously; the self-denial cannot be deputed; the home-duty, the obscure demand, is imperative and personal; and only as he bends to that abnegation of ambition is any son of man glorified and God glorified in him.

The sacrament of service! . . . Here is the great struggling, weary, un-Christlike world at our doors, and here are the dreams and hopes of Christian discipleship which hover before us as we pray; and to give the one to the other, the high ideal to the lowly deed, the great thought to the slight kindness, and to do all this without ostentation or conceit — that is as though once more Jesus rose from table and bent in His sacrament of service; and as He bent looked up into the face of His disciple and said: "I have given you an example that you should do even as I have done to you." — F. G. PEABODY, D. D., in "Afternoons in the College Chapel."

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The cry of Man's anguish went up unto God:
"Lord, take away pain!
The shadow that darkens the world Thou hast made,
The close-coiling chain
That strangles the heart, the burden that weighs
On the wings that would soar —
Lord, take away pain from the world Thou hast made,
That it love Thee the more!"

Then answered the Lord to the cry of His world:
"Shall I take away pain,
And with it the power of the soul to endure,
Made strong by the strain?
Shall I take away pity that knits heart to heart
And sacrifice high?
Will ye lose all your heroes that lift from the fire
White brows to the sky?
Shall I take away Love that redeems with a price
And smiles at its loss?
Can ye spare from your lives that would climb unto Mine
The Christ on His cross?"

— JULIA LARNED, in *Independent.*

# A CLUE TO THE CHRISTMAS MAZE

OLIVE E. DANA.

"WHAT was it that you said you would like to give her?" asked the Wise Woman, sympathetically. The Wise Woman is also the Mistress of the Manse. Sometimes the two are identical, not always.

The Friend, who was also, as most friends are, a Christmas Giver, stared a little. The Wise Woman was not wont to be either absent or inattentive.

"I said," she answered, with a tinge of emphasis upon the verb, "I think I said I didn't know what to give her. And the more I look around, the more uncertain I am about it. There are so many pretty things in the stores this year. It's the variety that is bewildering, to me."

But the Wise Woman made rejoinder quickly: "Oh, I didn't mean the particular *thing*," she said. "I knew you hadn't got to that yet. I only meant to take the shortest way to it, you know. It was the thought in it, or behind it, the gift your gift was to carry, the service you want it to render to this special person just at this time, that I was thinking of. It's hardly ever the thing itself that concerns us most, I think, or about which we need be anxious. It's the real bestowal we would like to make — that which the thing stands for in our own thoughts, and which we hope it will represent to our friend. When you have that clear in your mind, the rest is easy."

The Friend caught her breath a little before she answered.

"Oh," she said, hesitating — "oh, I hadn't come to that yet. I do think, though, 'twas the very clue I wanted. And it isn't hard at all to find, either, is it, with most people, and taking it at first-hand? And what else were you

going to say about it? I'd like to hear it all!"

"Just this," said the Wise Woman, putting down the tablet on which she had made an entry, "that sometimes our gifts are, and need be, only the signs of our love and friendship, the expression of our continued interest in each other. They have served their purpose when they have given proof of that. But where these are in any good degree, I've noticed, there is quite certain to be that comprehension and sympathy which divines another's needs and likings, and would fain meet them. You know, without thinking, most times, what you would most like to give your friend, or what, if you could, you would put into her life. And it is usually possible, even in a Christmas gift, to make some approach to it. Sometimes," she went on, "it's amusement, or occupation, or happier or nobler thoughts. Sometimes it's a new aim or interest, or the suggestion of them — the hint of his or her own possibilities in certain directions, or perhaps in many directions; the suggestion of a greatening life, which, it sometimes seems to me, I would rather put into the souls of some people whom I know than to endow a college. I have a new respect for things when I see the values with which it is possible for us all to invest them — how that they may carry some of love's rarest bestowals not only, but may render a service of which the giver need betray no consciousness and the recipient have no hindering perception."

"It is real Christmas giving, besides," the Friend made answer, her eyes softening. "It clears up things amazingly, too. I know now just what I want to give to three or four people, and why I want to give it — which is about as great a satisfaction. I see why I was inclined to give a pretty gown to Katherine: She will have to make it herself, and that will be part of the bestowal; and she has not discovered that she can look well, or that she may have anything to do herself toward it. And a ticket to the cooking class and a note-book to use meanwhile to Paulina, who has come to think such things unworthy of serious attention. Hal, too, will be ashamed not to learn to use presently the camera I shall get him, and whose aid I shall ask in half a dozen undertakings of my own in time to come. He'd rather have books; but he needs something more objective. And Cousin Marcia shall have nothing that suggests either housekeeping, or charity work, or even the guidance of her children, but a set of prints which she will have to mount, and which she will get any amount of happiness out of. And if it reminds her of some of her own aptitudes, which she has been too self-forgetful to indulge, but which she would be a far serener and more resourceful and more gracious woman for following, why, it will be so much the better for her and all of us. I'm usually afraid of playing Providence," she added, "but at Christmas time, and in miniature like this — why, it seems to me the one thing there is for us to do."

The Wise Woman nodded. "Speaking of cameras," she said, coming back readily to the concrete and obvious — for she was one who knows that even an intangible thing should follow its own verb, that when, as she would say, a suggestion has suggested, and a reminder reminded, it has done just what it was meant to do, and that no amount of emphasis or illustration can make it more effective — "Speaking of cameras, if I had one, and could use it, there are any number of delightful gifts one can think of for one's friends. I have one in mind now — I should like to have such an one myself, of my old home: Pictures, you know, of the place itself, all around the house and in it, and all over the farm, and of the people in it. And they should be put into a book — mounts are so sure to be scattered — a dainty little book, with a title in gilt; anybody can do that, with a toothpick and a bit of gold paint. 'The Folks at Home,' or 'Just as We Are,' would be a good title for it. Don't you think so?"

"Fine!" assented the Friend, heartily. "Hal and I will do one or two of them for another year. If it took in some of the neighborhood folks, and the old church, outside and in, father's pew and all, and the school-house, maybe, 'twould be all the better."

"I thought of that," the Wise Woman made answer, quietly. "Any of us would like that. It helps, sometimes, to have even our memories made objective."

"And George Herbert's rule — it was of 'kindnesse,' but that is a large thing, too — is a good rule to follow at Christmas as well as at other times. We can 'find out men's wantes and wille and meet them there,' especially if we are willing to look somewhat deeply for the 'wantes,' and yet be guided somewhat directly by the 'wille.' It has been borne in upon me," she added, as the Friend rose to go, "that in order to obey the direction, 'Give to him that asketh thee' — and I think Christ meant it to be heeded — we must be ready to give what is asked of us, not something which maybe we chanced to have in our minds beforehand. And the asking may very often be not by words at all!"

*Augusta, Maine.*

## THE FOLDED PAGE

Up in the quaint old attic, as the raindrops pattered down,
And I sat, idly turning a school book — dusty, brown —
I came to a leaf that was folded, and marked in a childish hand,
"The teacher says to leave this now, 'tis hard to understand."

What was so hard, I wondered. I opened it with a smile,
Only to read, at the problem's end: "We learned 'why' after while."
My tears fell thick as the raindrops then, up in the attic old,
As I thought of leaves that are "folded down" till the days of our lives are told.

One was folded there with a tender hand to the sound of summer rain;
When the dust of years lies thick above, will we open this page again?
And can we write with steady hand, and on our lips a smile,
"At last our Teacher told us 'why,' and we learned it — after while!"

— *Elisabeth T. Lloyd.*

## ARTISTIC NOVELTIES

JEANNETTE M. DOUGHERTY.

"SOMETHING new" is the demand of the Christmas shopper, as the eye scans the brilliant array of dainty gifts that fill counter and show-case. It would seem that all the wants and fancies had been ministered to. There are always a few new things that bring bright and suggestive ideas for loving and thoughtful remembrance at Christmastide. First are the sweet thoughts for deft fingers; so much of affection do we stitch into a bit of work.

PRETTY SEWING POCKETS

are made of plain denim — old rose, feather-stitched in black, for instance. They are made of a strip of denim about a yard long and ten or twelve inches wide. Flat pockets about ten inches deep are put across the ends of the strip and the whole thing finished in a feather-stitched hem. The strip is slipped through a small wooden embroidery hook ready to hang, making a very convenient article.

SMALL FANCY BASKETS

are made gay with a bow of bright ribbons and bunch of artificial fruit. These are serviceable for many purposes on the dresser or toilet table. Then there are the wicker trays, white and green, and white and pink. These with the embroidered doily for the bottom of the tray sell for ninety-five cents. There are the prettiest long, narrow baskets for gloves. These have a lid. They are twelve inches long and three and one-half inches wide. Some of them have the straw stained in several colors, and are made with open work through which ribbon may be run. This style is twenty-five cents. There are other varieties more expensive, made of closer braid and decorated with floral designs in water-colors — bunches of forget-me-nots with a dash of gold. What is dearer to the hearts of young girls than dainty baskets? Of this same wicker there are graceful stands or cases for letters or photographs.

LONG NARROW CUSHIONS

for the dresser seem to be the favorite style. The longest ones are fully twenty inches. Usually fancy work gets more fussy and elaborate, but that is not the case this year. For instance, there is less narrow lace, footing, and baby ribbon used on these cushions. A broad lace frill and a ribbon half an inch in width make the decoration. A beautiful cushion of this style was covered with yellow satin with satin ruffle and frill of broad lace over it. Fancy white ribbon was closely drawn back and forth across the top, leaving three-cornered places of the satin in which were painted bunches of violets. Six bows of the white ribbon were fastened at equal distance along the sides and at each end.

PARTY BAGS

are among the "exclusively new" things. They are dainty and useful for opera glasses, gloves, handkerchief, etc. They are made of fancy taffeta ribbon six or seven inches in width. There are three bags, each a different length, the longest (including the shirr at top) about ten inches. The three bags are laid together and fastened with rosette of narrow satin ribbon and long loops to slip over the wrist to carry. It would require one and one-half yards of broad ribbon for the cluster of three bags.

ART SQUARES AND PANELS

of white satin are among the novelties. These pieces have the designs, figures and portraits woven in the satin in black. The picture with its soft shades of gray has the effect of a Copley print. Some of the scenes and portraits are mounted and framed in passépartout. Others are used for fancy work in making the tops of cases

for handkerchiefs, gloves, veils, etc. Among the

SMALL ARTICLES

are comical pen-wipers made of wish-bones. The wish-bone is painted black and tiny skirt and cap put on it, making a fantastic little figure. Oval balls are made of the white curled hair for hair pins. The ball is covered with open crochet work and bands of narrow satin ribbon drawn lengthwise. It is finished at each end with full bow and loop to hang it. Brush-broom cases are made of heavy cardboard with covers of linen to slip over them. These covers come in white and colors, stamped ready for embroidering. They are especially serviceable, as they can be laundered.

HOLLY DESIGNS

mark the Christmas sofa-pillow, for we couldn't do Christmas fancy work without making one new cushion. Among the piles of cushions it is also noticeable that they are not so elaborate. More thought is given to serviceable qualities than to startling effects. The ribbon ruffle, so popular last year, are still in high favor — either a broad fancy ribbon or contrasting shades of narrow ribbon stitched together. Some have a flounce of plain color with one or more bands of ribbon stitched on it. Contrast, or a harmonious blending, lends a charm to any decorative work. So if your cover is an all-over design, let the flounce furnish the plain solid color for contrast; or if the top is plain, make the ruffle fancy. However, just as many of the new cushions are without ruffles as with them. One of the new fancies for cushions is a silk square like a silk muffler or the silk handkerchiefs of a few years ago. These square are in both striking patterns of gay colors and Persian designs of soft neutral tints. The two squares are laid over the cushion and the corners tied in a knot. The squares are two dollars apiece. The most suggestive cushion for embroidering is a square of sage green with a broad circle of dark green stamped on it. Twined around this band is ribbon and sprigs of holly. In the centre is a bunch of holly tied with ribbon, long loops and ends. The design of ribbon instead of being embroidered has the real ribbon put on in close fancy stitch. The bright scarlet of the ribbon and berries with the shaded green leaves of the holly makes a beautiful and effective piece of work.

AUSTRIAN CAMEO

is one of the new wares for small articles for toilet table — pin trays, powder boxes, ring boxes, etc. There are also odd-shaped card-dishes and vases. The ware comes in a blue resembling the Wedgwood ware, and in a delicate green. The ornamentation, or cameo, is in white. The designs are scrolls, floral patterns and figures. In china there are beautiful small trays and dainty boxes, round and oval, square and oblong in shape. A favorite design has the china tinted in apple green with garlands of pink roses.

LUSTRE GLASS

is one of the frail brilliant wares for the table and for ornament. It is not opalescent like Tiffany's Favril, but it has the same rainbow tints of coloring. The bonbon dishes in unique shapes are especially pretty. There is also an Austrian glass, clear and decorated in gold. The Bohemian glass with its delicate tints and gold ornamentation still charms us in the tall, slender vases.

SILVER ORNAMENTS

are shown in almost an endless variety. We are glad to find the small articles of daily use on the library table or desk provided in so charming a manner: the blotting pad with silver corners, or the small roller pad; silver pen-holders, silver knives for ink erasing, and the slender paper knife; a cluster of chamois leaves fastened with a silver clasp for pen-wiper; ink wells and mucilage bottles with silver tops; and small ornamental stand of silver with calendar slips of celluloid. Such dainty gifts may be of service throughout the year, and in daily use bring thoughts of loving remembrance.

*Chicago, Ills.*

## THE MASTER OF LIFE

I am the plough,
Master of Life,
Where my sharp coulter leads
Ceases sterility;
And, by my largesses
Gladdened and satisfied,
Follow the peoples!

I, in the glimmering dawn,
Furrowing circlewise —
Leaving wide gaps where Death
Swung his black gates anon —
Traced the foundations where
Rose the proud battlements,
Bastions and walls round
The City of Life!

To me for charity
Come the worn mendicants
Footing it painfully
Out from the darkness
Into the silence.
Here are my alms for you
Poured forth abundantly —
Yours while the earth knows
Summer and winter,
Seed-time and harvest —
Eat and be glad!

Egypt and Nineveh,
Rome and Assyria,
Were but my pensioners;
I am the permanent,
Still stand my kingdoms —
Still wave the cornfields —
Seeming but slave indeed,
Master of Life am I —
I am the plough!

— W. G. HOLE, in *London Spectator*.

## Fitting Folks

"YES, I have toler'ble success," said the little dressmaker, modestly acknowledging the compliment. "Likely it's because I'm willin' to fit my patterns to folks, instead of tryin' to make folks fit the patterns. Of course the shapes come all even and true, and pretty as a fashion plate, but most human bein's is a bit lop-sided, crook-shouldered, or somethin', and it's no use declarin' your pattern is right; you've just got to 'commodate it the best you can.

"Yes'm, that's common sense, and sometimes I wish folks could learn in other things what I learned in dressmakin'. There's a real nice girl at one place I sew, and she's got in her mind a perfect pattern of what her young brother ought to be, while he's a clear boy, runs over in this direction, and don't fill it out in that. If she were only wise enough to 'commodate it a little! But she tries to make him fit, and pulls and pokes till I'm afraid he'll hate the whole outfit. I know a young housekeeper that's been tryin' to run a ten-dollar-a-week establishment on a twenty-dollar pattern till her maid is most worn out. Then there's the superintendent of our mission school tryin' to make a lot of street urchins fit the pattern he uses up town — 'tisn't any use. This is a world where you have to measure your folks, and then fit'm the best you can." — *Wellspring.*

— God Himself cannot undo the past. But He can and will forgive. He will not mention the past, but give us a fair, fresh start. He will even restore "the years that the cankerworm has eaten." — *Rev. F. B. Meyer.*

ALL day heavy, steel-gray clouds have brooded over a yet grayer, unresponsive earth. The wind has blown in stinging gusts straight from the harbor. Low down in the west an angry crimson streak stains the horizon, but the early December twilight is fast blotting it out. It is a relief to light the evening lamp and pull down the shades, shutting away from sight the dreary outdoor world. In the cheerful warmth and light of the room the mournful moaning of the winter wind seems to change to waves of delicate melody that break against the pane, putting one in tune with the friendly books that are heaped up on every side — those faithful companions of whom one never tires. How the books multiply each year! What floods of literature drop from the untiring presses of the big publishing houses every week! How we long for two or three extra pairs of eyes during the autumn months to enable us, in some measure, to "keep up" with the unending procession. And when there is so much to choose from, a wise selection becomes very difficult. A friend perhaps advises the reading of a certain new book, giving it rapturous praise. At great pains or cost you borrow or buy the volume, only to feel, after reading, as if your time had been practically wasted. Then, by accident possibly, you pick up a little volume which so thrills and inspires you that you are sure, if you had read nothing else through the year, it would amply compensate the loss of all others.

During the past few weeks Aunt Serena has received several inquiries regarding the selection of books as Christmas gifts. Shall we have a bit of book chat tonight in the safe shelter of the warm, firelighted room, surrounded by the new books, many with fascinating holiday bindings, nearly all of substantial worth — theology, history, sociology, travel, ethics, sermons, fiction, poetry, essays, and stories for young people and children in endless variety. One of the first questions sent was: "What *shall* I give my minister at Christmas? I want him to have a good book, but I do not keep in touch with such things at all." Now, that's a pretty big question — so much depends on the minister. But I will try and retain before my mental vision the various types of ministers whom I know, and enumerate a few of the best books, some of which will surely suit. I will confine my suggestions to this year's output only: —

"The Gospel for a World of Sin," a Companion to "The Gospel for an Age of Doubt," by Dr. Henry Van Dyke (Macmillan Company). "The Battles of Peace," by George Hodges, Dean of the Episcopal Theological School, Cambridge (Thomas Whittaker). "The Christian Life: A Study," by Prof. Borden P. Bowne (Curts & Jennings). "The Temperance Problem and Social Reform," by Joseph Rowntree and Arthur Sherwell (Thomas Whittaker). "Horace Bushnell," by T. T. Munger, D. D. (Houghton, Mifflin & Co.). "Through Nature to God," by John Fiske (Houghton, Mifflin & Co.). "Great Books as Life-Teachers," by Newell Dwight Hillis, D. D. (Fleming H. Revell Co.). "The Son of Man: Studies on

His Life and Teaching," by Rev. Gross Alexander, D. D. (Barbee & Smith). "Contemporaries," by Thomas Wentworth Higginson (Houghton, Mifflin & Co.). "The Message of Christ to Manhood" — the William Belden Noble Lectureship (Houghton, Mifflin & Co.). "Life Indeed," by Edward B. Coe, D. D., senior minister of the Collegiate Church, New York (Fleming H. Revell Co.). "Jess: Bits of Wayside Gospel," by Rev. Jenkin Lloyd Jones (Macmillan Co.). "Letters of Robert Browning and Elizabeth Barrett Barrett (2 vols. Harper & Brothers). "Ecce Clerus, or The Christian Minister in Many Lights," by a Student of the Times (Eaton & Mains). "Extemporaneous Oratory for Professional and Amateur Speakers," by J. M. Buckley, D. D. (Eaton & Mains). "Bismarck the Man and the Statesman" — an autobiography (Harper & Brothers). "Sermons, Biographical and Miscellaneous," by Benjamin Jowett, master of Balliol College (E. P. Dutton & Co.). "Life and Letters of James D. Dana," by Daniel C. Gilman (Harper). "In the Forbidden Land," by Arnold Henry Savage Landor (Harper). "Backlog Studies," by Charles Dudley Warner (Houghton, Mifflin & Co.). "Hits and Misses," by Charles Frederic Goss (Fleming H. Revell). "The Theology of Civilization," by Rev. Charles F. Dole (T. Y. Crowell & Co.).

But, dear me! this is altogether too long a list. Don't you think you can choose something suitable from it for the dear dominie? "The Life and Letters of Phillips Brooks," by Prof. Allen of Cambridge, is promised by E. P. Dutton & Co. before the first of the year. *Every* minister will want to own *that* volume.

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THERE is a host of good books that might come under the head of miscellaneous, many of which will prove most acceptable holiday gifts. Among them are: "Fisherman's Luck," by Henry Van Dyke (Scribner's). "The Many-Sided Franklin," by Paul Leicester Ford (Century Co.). "Prue and I" (new edition), by George William Curtis (Harper). "Twenty Famous Naval Battles," by Edward Kirk Rawson, U. S. N. (T. Y. Crowell & Co.). "Letters of Robert Louis Stevenson" (2 vols. Scribner's). "Loveliness," by Elizabeth Stuart Phelps (Houghton, Mifflin & Co.). "Amateur Photography," by W. I. Lincoln Adams (Baker & Taylor Co.). "Diet in Illness and Convalescence," by Alice Worthington Winthrop (Harper). "For Love's Sweet Sake" (poems), edited by G. Hembert Westley (Lee & Shepard). "The Secret of Gladness," by J. R. Miller, D. D. (T. Y. Crowell & Co.). "Stories of Great National Songs," by Col. Nicholas Smith (Milwaukee). "Poems" by Keats and Shelley. Ill. (Little, Brown & Co.). "James Russell Lowell and his Friends," by Edward Everett Hale (Houghton, Mifflin & Co). "Tramping with Tramps," by Josiah Flynt (Century Co.). "Two Pilgrims' Progress," by Joseph and Elizabeth Pennell (Little, Brown & Co.). "Chronicles of Aunt Minervy Ann," by Joel Chandler Harris (Scribner's). "The Tent on the Beach," by Whittier, holiday edition (Houghton, Mifflin & Co.). "The Rev. F. B. Meyer Birthday Book," compiled by Florence Witts (Thomas Whittaker). "The Art of Living Alone," by Amory H. Bradford, D. D. (Dodd, Mead & Co.). "Reflected Lights from 'The Face of the Deep,'" by Christina Rossetti (E. P. Dutton & Co.). "Closet and Altar" (W. L. Greene & Co.). Also the beautiful Library Edition of Edward Everett Hale's stories, including "The Man Without a Country," "In His Name and Christmas Stories," "Ten Times One is Ten," "The Brick Moon and Other Stories." "Autobiography and Letters of Mrs. M. O. W. Oliphant" (Dodd, Mead & Co.). "Reminiscences — 1819-1899," by Julia Ward Howe (Houghton, Mifflin & Co.).

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SOME of the best fiction of the year includes: "Prisoners of Hope," by Mary Johnston (Houghton, Mifflin & Co.). "That Fortune," by Charles Dudley Warner (Harper). "The Gentleman from Indiana," by Booth Tarkington (Doubleday & McClure). "Janice Meredith," by Paul Leicester Ford (Dodd, Mead & Co.). "Via Crucis," by F. Marion Crawford (Macmillan Co.). "Richard Carvel," by Winston Churchill (Macmillan Co.). "Pastor Naudie's Young Wife," by Edouard Rod (Little, Brown & Co.). "Tiverton Tales," by Alice Brown (Houghton, Mifflin & Co.). "David Harum," Edward Noyes Westcott (D. Appleton & Co.). "Square Pegs," by Mrs. A. D. T. Whitney (Houghton, Mifflin & Co.). "Kit Kennedy," by S. R. Crockett (Harper). "A Tent of Grace," by Adelina Cohnfeldt Lust (Houghton, Mifflin & Co.). "An Incident, and Other Happenings," by Sarah Barnwell Elliott (Harper). "Differences," by Hervey White (Small, Maynard & Co.). "The Helpers," by Francis Lynde (Houghton, Mifflin & Co.). "The Mormon Prophet," by Lily Dougall (D. Appleton & Co.). "Mackinac and Lake Stories," by Mary Hartwell Catherwood (Harper). "No. 5 John Street," by Richard Whiteing (Century Co.). "Ragged Lady," by William Dean Howells (Harper). "Concerning Isabel Carnaby," by Ellen Thornycroft Fowler (Appleton). "The Greater Inclination," by Edith Wharton (Scribner). "I, Thou, and the Other One," by Mrs. Amelia E. Barr (Dodd, Mead & Co.). "When Knighthood was in Flower," by Edwin Caskoden (Bowen-Merrill Co., Indianapolis). "The Fowler," by Beatrice Harraden (Dodd, Mead & Co.). "Red Rock," by Thomas Nelson Page (Scribner). "A Confident Tomorrow," by Brander Matthews (Harper).

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OF books for young people and children there is no end. Shall I mention a few? "A Young Savage," by Barbara Yechton (Houghton, Mifflin & Co.). "Quicksilver Sue," by Laura E. Richards (Century Company). "Betty Leicester's Christmas," by Sarah Orne Jewett (Houghton, Mifflin & Co.). "Jean's Opportunity," by Howe Benning (Union Press, Philadelphia). "'Forward, March,' a Tale of the Spanish-American War," by Kirk Munroe (Harper). "The Bishop's Shadow," by I. T. Thurston (Fleming H. Revell Co.). "Nannie's Happy Childhood," by Caroline Leslie Field (Houghton, Mifflin & Co.). "Bilberry Boys and Girls," by Sophie Swett (Lothrop Co.). "Poetry of the Seasons," compiled by Mary I. Lovejoy (Silver, Burdett & Co.). "Little Beasts of Field and Wood," by William Everett Cram (Small, Maynard & Co.). "The First Book of Birds," by Olive Thorne Miller (Houghton, Mifflin & Co.). "The Book of Knight and Barbara," by David Starr Jordan (D. Appleton & Co.). "The Bordentown Story-Tellers," by Hezekiah Butterworth (A. I. Bradley & Co.). "The Minute Boys of Bunker Hill," by Edward Stratemeyer (Dana Estes & Co.). "The Brownies Abroad," by Palmer Cox (Century Company). "Among the Farmyard People," by Clara Dillingham Pierson (E. P. Dutton & Co.). "Told Under the Cherry Trees," by Grace Le Baron (Lee & Shepard). "Professor Pin," by Mrs. Frank Lee (Pilgrim Press). "Plantation Pageants," by Joel Chandler Harris (Houghton, Mifflin & Co.). "St. Nicholas Christmas Book" (Century Co.). "When Grandmamma was New: the Story of a Virginia Childhood," by Marion Harland (Lothrop Co.). When Dewey Came to Manila," by James Otis (Dana Estes & Co.). "Strawberry Hill," by Mrs. C. F. Fraser (T. Y. Crowell & Co.). "The Little Fig Tree Stories," by Mary Hallock Foote (Houghton, Mifflin & Co.). "Peggy," by Laura E. Richards (Dana Estes & Co.).

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It seems quite like a catalogue, doesn't it? Really, I didn't intend, when I began, to spread out such a monotonous level of titles. But perhaps some will find the lists suggestive and helpful, either for themselves personally or for Christmas gifts. And what is more acceptable than a good book as a gift? Of course, I have merely skimmed along the edges of the year's literary wealth, speaking only of the books of which I have some knowledge.

AUNT SERENA.

## BOYS AND GIRLS

### COMP'NY'S COME TO OUR HOUSE

Comp'ny's come to our house — mother's awful busy —
"Lots to do, my little man, go an' play with Lizzie."
"Go an' play with Lizzie" — that's what they always say
When comp'ny comes to our house. "Now, run out an' play."

Wonder why they never let a feller see the folks!
I know lots of stories an' anecdotes an' jokes;
I could show the album, an' show 'em who is who,
But when I even mention that, why — "That would never do.
That would never do, my son, you're only in the way;
Lizzie's waitin' in the yard — now run out an' play."

Ain't it tough, I'd like to know? And then, with prink and perk
Mother, she goes in the parlor — "Lay as de your work;
Tea is ready" — then they come an' set in solemn state,
An' mother says. "Now, little man, you will have to wait;
Run along now — here's a cooky — one for L'zzie, too,
An' pretty soon you'll have your tea when all the rest are through."

Then Liz an' me, we hang around, an' peek in at the door,
An' watch how fast the chicken goes, an' hear them ask for more;
An' eye the nice, big frosted cake as it passes into view,
A-wonderin' if we'll get a piece when all them folks is through.

There's pleasant parts an' horrid parts to havin' comp'ny come,
There's too much "yes, ma'am," "please excuse," and not enough of fun.
But, on the whole, I guess I'm glad when mother says to me,
"Now wash up clean an' comb your hair, for comp'ny's come to tea."

— HARRIET FRANCENE CROCKER, in *Union Signal*.

### Politeness

"CAN you write a good hand?" asked a man of a boy who applied for a situation.

"Yaas," was the answer.

"Are you good at figures?"

"Yaas," was the answer again.

"That will do, I don't want you," said the merchant.

After the boy had gone a friend said: "I know that lad to be an honest, industrious boy; why don't you try him?"

"Because he has not learned to say 'Yes, sir,' and 'No, sir,'" replied the merchant. "If he answered me as he did, how will he answer customers?" — *Baptist Signal*.

# THE SUNDAY SCHOOL

## Fourth Quarter Lesson XII

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17, 1899

MAL. 3: 13 to 4: 6.

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## FRUITS OF RIGHT AND WRONG DOING

### I Preliminary

1. GOLDEN TEXT: *Whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap.* — Gal. 6: 7.

2. DATE: B. C. 433-427 probably.

3. PLACE: Jerusalem and its vicinity.

4. HOME READINGS: *Monday* — Mal 3: 13 to 4: 6. *Tuesday* — Psa. 73: 1-20. *Wednesday* — Job 22: 12-27. *Thursday* — 2 Tim. 2: 19-26. *Friday* — Eccles. 8: 1-13. *Saturday* — Deut. 4: 5-13. *Sunday* — Gal. 6: 1-10.

### II Introductory

In this lesson we learn how the well-deserved rebuke and the undeserved promise contained in our last lesson were received. There were some who replied to it blatantly and presumptuously. They had grown skeptical in regard to the motives and practice of religion, and they put forward the claim that they had already tried the service of God and found it vain and unprofitable; that they had kept His ordinances and "walked mournfully" before Him, without receiving the blessings which the prophet had just described. They even went so far as to declare sneeringly that not the obedient, but the proud, were truly blessed; that unblushing wickedness was the only thing that really prospered in this world; and that not those who feared God, but those who tempted Him, secured deliverance from their troubles.

But there was another and very different class, who meekly received the prophet's word. These truly feared God, and communed together frequently on His goodness and mercy. And *their* praises were heard, and their names were entered on the unfading roll of those destined to future blessedness. In all their filial service on earth the Father's eye would watch over them, and the Father's compassion "spare them." They might be unknown and soon forgotten here, but in the hereafter they would receive recognition; in that day when the Lord shall make up His jewels, they shall be counted as His peculiar treasure, and shall "shine as the stars forever and ever." In that day the line shall be drawn, and drawn distinctly, so that all shall discern it — the line that separates the obedient from the disobedient, the righteous from the wicked.

In that great and terrible day of the Lord the "proud" and the wicked shall be treated as "stubble" and burned up, so that "the day that cometh shall leave them neither root nor branch." But no such fate would befall the righteous; unto them would arise "the Sun of righteousness with healing in his wings;" under whose cheering beams they would be as sportive and free as calves let loose from the stall. That day would witness the complete triumph of the righteous and the utter subjugation of the wicked, who would be trampled as ashes under the feet of those whom they once maligned and oppressed. Before that dreadful day Elijah the prophet would be sent, and it would be part of his work to re-knit family ties, putting away the alienation which was rapidly growing between parent and child by reason of neglect on one side and ignorance of the law of Moses (which should have been taught them) on the other — a state of things which threatens the world with a curse.

### III Expository

13, 14. **Your words have been stout** — bold, daring, presumptuous. Yet ye say, What (R.V., "wherein") **have we spoken?** — keeping up the contention at every point. Says Peloubet: "It was the blasphemy of those who 'sat in the seat of the scorner.' It is wonderful how unconscious sinners are of their sins." **Ye have said, It is vain to serve God.** — For further descriptions of this same skeptical spirit, see Job 21: 14, 15; 22: 17; Psa. 73: 1-14. When piety becomes formal and contents itself with a round of observances, it is very apt to become mercenary, as here ("what profit is there?" etc), and to expect payment for its parade of worship. **Walked mournfully** — adopted the garb of penitence without thinking of its spirit.

15 **We call the proud happy.** — The apparent prosperity of the wicked is still used as an argument by gainsayers. Says Alphonse Karr (*Le Chemin le Plus Court*): "Blaspheme God as you will; deny God if you wish to do so; do all the evil you can possibly so, and this sweet moonlight which seems to rise out of the waves will shine no less sweetly for you than for me and will conduct us both to our quiet homes." Men easily forget the eternal scale on which Divine judgment is administered. **Set up** — R. V., "built up." **They that tempt God are even delivered** — R. V., "they tempt God, and are delivered;" they dare His judgments, and with seeming impunity.

16. **They that feared the Lord** — holy, loving, reverential fear. **Spake often one to another** (R. V., "spake one with another"); either in appointed meetings in the synagogue or temple, or by seeking one another without appointment, to talk about the dealings and goodness of God. **Book of remembrance** — probably a figure borrowed from the Persian custom (see Esther 6: 1, 2). "There was One who listened all unawares to them; and, what is more, He made a record for a perpetual remembrance of a thing that touched His heart so tenderly" (Cowles).

17. **Shall be mine . . . in that day when I make up my jewels** — R. V., "shall be mine, in the day that I do make, even a peculiar treasure;" in that coming day which the Lord will "make" or ordain, these faithful ones will be gathered out of all lands and be regarded as His "peculiar treasure" (see Exod. 19: 5; Deut. 7: 6; 14: 2; 26: 18; Psa. 135: 4). **Spare them, as a man spareth his own son** — in their filial obedience and service, from excessive burdens and exposure. This passage antedates the New Testament revelation of "Our Father which art in heaven." **Then shall ye return and discern between the righteous and the wicked** — not now, but "*then*." Dr. Cowles comments: "Look again, and then shall ye see a broad distinction, nay more, a real contrast, between the destiny of the righteous and the destiny of the wicked. The proud and defiant ones are saying, 'Where is the God of judgment?' 'Every one that doeth evil is good in the sight of the Lord.' 'The proud are blessed.' But the reckoning day will shortly come. There is a broad line of diverse destiny ranging between 'him that serveth God and him that serveth Him not.'"

1. **Behold the day cometh** — the day when the line shall be drawn between the righteous and the wicked. **That shall burn as an oven** — R. V., "it burneth as a furnace." Long after Malachi had passed away John the Baptist spoke of the Christ as one who would "cleanse his floor, and gather the wheat into his garner, but the chaff he will burn up with unquenchable fire." **The proud** — who will not humble themselves and seek God. **All that do wickedly** — R. V., "all that work wickedness." **Shall be stubble** — and therefore worthless and combustible. **The day that cometh** — the judgment days of time, and the *Dies Iræ* that shall end time. **Neither root nor branch** — utter and total consignment to the "fire unquenchable." "Every tree that bringeth not forth good fruit is hewn down and cast into the fire" (Matt. 3: 10). The teachings and even the very metaphors of Malachi reappear in the words of John the Baptist and Christ Himself.

The wicked are said in the Old Testament as well as the New to be destroyed by fire (Psa. 11: 6). The prime exemplar is the ruin of Sodom (Gen. 19: 24). See also Ezek. 38: 22. The great question here respects the *time*, and hence the sort of judgment referred to. In my view, the primary reference must be to judgments on the wicked *in time*, providential inflictions, like that on Jerusalem by the Romans, like the still earlier judgments that fell on the ungodly portion of the Jews in the fearful Syrian wars during the second century before Christ, indeed, embracing all those forms of special infliction which belong to God's providential government over nations, and individuals, too, in the present world. All these are to be taken as prophecies and pledges of that far more terrific vengeance which shall come down on all the finally wicked in the world to come (Cowles).

2. **Unto you that fear my name** — such as those mentioned above. **Shall the sun of righteousness arise with healing in his wings** — a beautiful image of what Christ is to the believer, the Source of light and warmth and spiritual healing, in whose life-giving rays he basks and grows and rejoices; the Sun that illumines his pathway and that never sets. **Ye shall go forth, and grow up** (R. V., "gambol") **as calves of the stall.** — Like calves set free from the stable and permitted to run and jump in unconstrained freedom, so shall believers be de-


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*There is nothing more pleasing to look upon than a hearty, ruddy face, gained by honest toil. They are the saving of the nation, these toilers of both sexes, struggling for daily bread.*

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livered from the prisonlike restraints of sin and emerge into the glorious liberty of the sons of God.

3. **Shall tread down the wicked . . . ashes under the soles of your feet** — highly figurative but somewhat obscure language, denoting the complete triumph of Christ's followers and the utter degradation of the wicked. **In the day that I shall do this** — R. V., "in the day that I do make" — the day of the final consummation, the day when the reign of Christ shall be perfectly established.

4. **Remember ye the law of Moses.**—Keep the Commandments in remembrance, teach them to your children, and translate them into obedience; a closing and appropriate reminder by this last of the prophets. Horeb better known to us as Sinai. With the statutes and judgments — R. V., "even statutes and judgments."

5. **Behold I will send you Elijah the prophet** — undoubtedly fulfilled in the coming of John the Baptist (Matt. 11: 14 and Mark 9: 11) according to the Saviour's express testimony. John was, ideally and officially, though of course not literally, a second Elijah, reproducing in his austerity and sternness, in his fierce rebukes of sin and influence over the people, the great prophet of Israel. He disavowed being "Elias" when questioned, however (John 1: 21), because he was not literally Elijah. **Before the coming, etc.** — R. V., "before the great and terrible day of the Lord come."

6. **Shall turn the hearts of the fathers to the children** — referring, probably, to some growing laxity in the family relations of which we have no special knowledge. Quite likely, in the prevailing irreligion which loosened all ties, there was domestic estrangement. The fathers were indifferent to the higher interests of their children, neglectful of the command to teach them diligently the precepts of the law — "talking of them when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, when thou liest down, and when thou risest up;" and the children, untaught, uncared for, were growing up without filial affection, wayward, willful, ignorant. **Lest . . . smite the earth with a curse.** — Unless religion should be revived in the family, which is the foundation of the State, the increasing wickedness would soon invoke the Divine ban. "It is deeply suggestive that the last utterance from heaven for four hundred years before Messiah, was the awful word 'Curse.' Messiah's first word on the mount was 'Blessed.' The Law speaks wrath; the Gospel, blessing" (J., F. and B.).

### IV Illustrative

We are not able to promise every man who becomes a Christian that he will get rich. If we could insure this, we should have to stake off church pews like claims in the Klondike, and guard them with Gatling guns. We may yet have to separate wholly our charities from our distinctively church work for no other purpose than that we may be sure how far men who come to us in need are influenced by worthy motives. There are already too many Christians for revenue only. But so much as the prophet affirms, we may safely affirm, that when we think the subject through carefully, we are able to see the relation of conduct to prosperity, and to be sure that righteousness tends to success and happiness in life.

If we could stop sin, we could vacate in a few generations half the beds in our hospitals, as fast as the laws of heredity would enable us to do so. If we could eliminate unrighteousness from the community, we could administer our charities without beggary and without want. The poor we have always with us, and shall have as far ahead as human foresight can predict a probability. But the poverty which dwarfs and degrades could be eliminated in a single generation from all lands in which righteousness should come into universal acceptance. To affirm that a profession of Christianity will in every case bring prosperity would be to put a premium on service whose leading motive is reward, and against this danger God has guarded by many surprises and disappointments which come into the lives of faithful men and women. The book of Job, far from being the record of an isolated experience, is designed to meet the perpetual objection of the ungodly that the believer does not serve God for naught, and the constant temptation of the believer to convert his religion into some marketable commodity. That the danger is real, may be learned from those volumes, too many in number, which relate alleged answers to prayer, a large portion of which are purely selfish, and exhibit no higher thought of religion than that it is intended to confer exceptional privileges upon believers. God can better afford to have some undoubtedly good men suffer than to have this opinion grow, inside the church or without. Yet not a few good people, when called upon to meet adversity, at once inquire, "What have I done, that this should come upon me?" Nothing, perhaps, and yet the disposition to ask the question not infrequently shows the need of the affliction, that faith may rebuild itself on a surer foundation (Monday Club Sermons).

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## "IT MIGHT BE WORSE"

"I CONFESS that I rather dreaded to visit her," said my friend, "for, during her early married life, she was one of those over-careful housewives who give all under their roof the feeling the reverse of restful. I found her, however, so greatly improved that I would gladly have prolonged my stay. I puzzled not a little over the calmness of my hostess, in meeting what in other days would have vexed her sorely; but I did not learn the secret of the change until, on the eve of my departure, I said: 'Your home is a haven of rest these days.' Now, I did not intend to let slip 'these days,' but, though readily understood, they gave no offense, for they called forth the laughing rejoinder: —

"'You need not blush for hinting at the truth, for I, too, realize that my home was not restful during the first five years of my married life.'

"I did not venture an apology for my thoughtless words, for they had given a hint of my true feelings; so I merely said: 'Do tell me what brought about the change!'

"'I will, cheerfully,' rejoined the one so greatly changed, 'even if it is rather humiliating that I myself first saw my foolish habit of fretting over trifles when I was brought in daily contact with an ignorant cook, who was such a sunny creature that I took pleasure in going into the kitchen.

"'If company came unexpectedly, when things were the reverse of what she would have liked, or the grocer failed to put in an appearance, it was always met by, "It might be worse."

"'She was such a constant rebuke to me that I one day asked her how she came to meet everything so bravely. Then she told me that she was bound out to a woman who "jawed from mornin' till night;" said her mistress so worried the life of "the best man that ever lived" that he took to drink and her only son ran away.

"'"But," said Kate, with a merry laugh, "her jaw was worth a sight to me, for I was that contrary I begun to be jist the other way, 'n' when things went all in a heap, I laughed 'n' says as how it might be worse."

"'After a time,' continued my hostess, 'this veritable sunbeam married and I lost sight of her for awhile. Then I heard that her husband, who was a mason, had fallen from a high building and had barely escaped with his life. I went immediately to poor Kate with no other expectation than of finding her, for once, the reverse of sunny. But, greatly to my surprise, she came forward to greet me with so beaming a face that I jumped at the conclusion that if there had been an accident it must have been of a very trifling nature; but before I had time to inquire, Kate began, as if telling me some good news, to tell how her husband had fallen and broken his right arm and two ribs.

"'"But, Kate, how can you talk of it in such a light-hearted way?" queried I, a bit rebukingly. "I fear Mike will be laid up for months, and that is a serious matter, to my way of thinking."

"'"Sure 'n' you are right!" was the cheery answer; "but, all the same, I'm so thankful that ugly fall didn't knock the breath clane out o' his body that I'm not thinkin' o' how we're goin' to live. It's a bit onlucky, to be sure, but it might be worse, you know."

"'As the years rolled on, Kate's sweet spirit was sorely tested in many ways, but she faced every trial with a cheery "it might be worse," and in justice to her I must confess that the change you note in me was wrought by the bright example of my humble Irish servant, whose motto all would do well to adopt.'" — HELENA H. THOMAS, in *Presbyterian*.

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In this superb quarto volume, enclosed in a box, are collected fifty drawings by William T. Smedley, whose illustrations in pictorial journals, magazines and books have become familiar to the reading public. Each drawing is given a full page, the descriptive text by Mr. Anthony appearing on the opposite page. A fine portrait of Mr. Smedley forms the frontispiece, and there is also a photograph of the artist in his studio. Arthur Hoeber, in introducing Mr. Smedley in an appreciative biography, says: "His illustrations illustrate; his personages are real, tangible folks, with whom we enter into sympathy; they are *sui generis*, for they are pregnant with meaning." Mr. Smedley is an American, born in Pennsylvania, and the account of his early experiences is in the main much like the careers of so many of our persevering, self-made men. But, as Mr. Hoeber wisely says: "You may teach the student to get an understanding of form, of line, or of anatomy; you may train him faithfully in all the great underlying principles of his art, but if the heaven-given spark be not there, the labor is in vain. The man who rises above his fellows has something of that inexplicable heritage without which the less fortunate worker, let him labor ever so hard, arrives only at the mediocre." "Life and Character" will doubtless be a favorite gift-book this season.

**Tramping with Tramps.** Studies and Sketches of Vagabond Life. By Josiah Flynt. The Century Co.: New York. Price, $1.50.

The essays, stories and sketches which make up this valuable and interesting volume originally appeared several years ago in leading magazines, especially the *Century*. They are written in a popular style, but are of substantial value as studies in sociology. Professor Wyckoff did considerable tramping with "The Workers" in search of employment; but from time to time during the past ten years Mr. Flynt has been the traveling companion, not of unemployed workingmen seeking to better their condition, but of confirmed tramps, his numerous outings in their company having varied from a few weeks to eight consecutive months. Not only the United States, but England, Russia and Germany have been included in his tramping tours, and he has succeeded in passing himself off as a genuine tramp — dressing as did his vagrant companions, begging, and even being condemned to jail. His "picture of the tramp world" is realistic and very suggestive and interesting, holding the reader's fascinated attention. Hon. Andrew D. White, United States Ambassador to Germany, has written the introduction to the book.

**Vanity Fair.** By William Makepeace Thackeray. Harper & Brothers: New York and London. Price, $2.50.

This stout volume of 676 pages, in holiday attire, is the "Becky Sharp Edition" of Thackeray's famous "Novel without a Hero." Which means that the nearly fifty illustrations are from photographs of scenes and characters in the play of "Becky Sharp" as produced by Mrs. Minnie Maddern Fiske and her company of players. One's preconceived ideas of Becky Sharp, from reading "Vanity Fair," are certainly not realized in Mrs. Fiske. As was to be expected, the Harpers have spared no pains to make the volume attractive.

**The Expedition to the Philippines.** By Frank D. Millet. Harper & Brothers: New York and London. Price, $2.50.

We have here a graphic account of soldier life on the troop-ship between San Francisco and the Philippines, and of the taking of Manila. This is all; and it may seem a small space of time — June 29 to Sept. 22 — to be occupied with so large a book. But Mr. Millet, who was special correspondent of *Harper's Weekly* and of the *London Times*, and an author of established reputation previously, has done a good piece of work in putting on record in permanent shape the interesting events of that pregnant period. The volume reads exceedingly well, and will be of much value to future historians who shall try to show how it came about that the United States became master of this distant dependency.

**The Tent on the Beach and Dramatic Lyrics.** By John Greenleaf Whittier. With illustrations from designs by Charles H. Woodbury and Marcia O. Woodbury. Houghton, Mifflin & Co.: Boston. Price, $1.50.

As a holiday gift-book this exquisite little volume can hardly be surpassed. Lovers of our Quaker poet will enjoy a new reading of "The Tent on the Beach" in this beautiful setting, renewing acquaintance with the group of friends who

> "Pitched their white tent where sea winds blew,"

and

> . . . "rested there, escaped awhile
> From cares that wear the life away;"

and, as twilight fell,

> "Stretched, careless, on their sandy floor
> Beneath the flaring lantern lamp
> They talked of all things old and new."

The illustrations by Mr. and Mrs. Woodbury have added a tender grace to the poetic tales told on the sands at Hampton or Salisbury Beach. The cover design in dark red, with heavy gold ornamentation in fleur de-lis, crab and shell design, is particularly attractive.

## Concord Bridge

[From "Historic Pilgrimages in New England." Silver, Burdett & Co.]

By the rude bridge that arched the flood,
Their flag to April's breeze unfurled,
Here once the embattled farmers stood,
And fired the shot heard round the world.

**The New Pacific.** By Hubert Howe Bancroft. The Bancroft Co.: New York.

This is a stout and beautiful volume of nearly seven hundred pages. The beautiful cover design, by Miss Maitland Armstrong, stamped in gold on sea green, represents ocean waves and sea-shells, with the Ancient Mariner telling to the Wedding Guest the story of his adventures into the Pacific, and how he had killed the Albatross, the bird that made the wind to blow, thus bringing upon himself and others dire misfortune. The author, in previous volumes, has demonstrated his ability as an original investigator and his power to group historic facts with interesting and luminous effect. In this volume for the first time are presented the countries around the Pacific Ocean as an

entirety, their resources and industries, history and romance, together with the events leading to the present active development. This work should be speedily placed in all public libraries, as it is indispensable to any student seeking facts which have been grouped from original sources.

**The Theology of Civilization.** By Charles F. Dole, Author of "The Coming People." Thomas Y. Crowell & Co.: New York. Price, $1.

The author of this book, a well-known and much-beloved Unitarian minister of Jamaica Plain, Boston, does his own thinking in a remarkably suggestive and luminous way. His style is chaste and lucid, and his thought reverent, philosophic, comprehensive and optimistic. We do not accept all of his views, but we are strongly attracted by the sweep and suggestiveness of his thought. Seldom have we examined a volume that impressed us as more helpful to the intelligent reader. We greatly err if it does not receive a hearty, general and permanent welcome. The book is prepared with the conviction that the subjects discussed do not belong merely to a small professional class, but that they are of wide public interest and importance. The author has sought to treat them briefly and in simple language, with an earnest desire to set forth only those truths which appeal both to the reason and the moral sense. He has taken pains to show the direct bearing of these truths of religion upon the social, political and economic problems of our time. It is his belief that there can be no lasting and vigorous civilization which is not inspired by a noble and persuasive religion; and that such a religion must rest on the bed-rock of thoroughly fearless, rational and consistent thinking.

**A Year Book of Colonial Times.** Compiled by Rev. Frederick S. Sill, D. D. Member of the Society of Colonial Wars. E. P. Dutton & Co.: New York. Price, $1.25.

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DECEMBER 31

1758. Worthington retired from the Colonial Army at the age of twenty-six, after five years of service, highly commended by his officers.

As famous and as bold in war,
As he is famed for mildness, peace and prayer.
—*Shakespeare.*

This book is not only interesting, but educational.

**The American in Holland.** Sentimental Rambles in the Eleven Provinces of the Netherlands. By William Elliot Griffis, L. H. D. Houghton, Mifflin & Co.: Boston and New York. Price, $1.50.

This is the third book about Holland written by one who plainly says in his preface that he "can boast no Dutch blood or ancestry." Herein is rather a remarkable thing. The Dutch country and people have won him to their side by their solid worth. Five leisurely visits to the Dutchman's home land have put Dr. Griffis in close touch with many parts of the country not usually seen by foreigners, and he knows how to tell the results of his observations in an entertaining manner. The very names of some of the provinces here described — Over-Ijssel, Drenthe, Gelderland — have probably never been heard of by most people who are well informed; and the same could be said of many of the towns whose peculiarities are here given — Dokkum, Coevorden, Zwolle, Sneek, Hindeloopen, Het Loo, Harderwijk, Goes, Gouda, Woerden, Roermond. Three chapters at the close are devoted to the inauguration of Queen Wilhelmina. Seventeen excellent illustrations add materially to the value of the book.

**Gavin Hamilton.** By Molly Elliot Seawell. Harper & Brothers: New York and London. Price, $1.50.

This story of the Prussian-Austrian war is full of dash and vigor, as strong and hardy as the men of those times. The hero, Gavin, a boy of nineteen at the beginning of the book, meets many noted men and gives us good descriptions of them. One of the best is that of Frederick of Prussia, by whom he and a companion are taken prisoners. They manage to escape, and after many adventures reach the court of Austria and are rewarded for their valor by the Empress-Queen. After a time Gavin and his friend are sent to the court of Frederick on a diplomatic mission and spend several weeks there, getting into many scrapes, but always pulling safely through. Lady Hamilton, Gavin's mother, has been deserted by her husband, but he yearns for his boy, and through him a reconciliation takes place. One can learn history is a fascinating manner by reading such books.

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**The Art of Living Alone.** By Amory H. Bradford. Dodd, Mead & Co.: New York. Price, 50 cents.

Dr. Robert F. Horton has written admirably on "The Art of Living Together," and that excellent little treatise has provoked this present one, which is also excellent. The perils of loneliness are said to consist of selfishness, being unjust to others, losing faith. To make loneliness endurable the imagination must be brought under rigid control, one must be generous in judging others, and above all things the lonely should find some mission into which they may throw themselves with enthusiasm. The compensations of living alone are many. "What opportunities for growth dwell in the silent spaces of our lives! Hours for meditation! For great thoughts to take root and rise into well-planned enterprise!" "Solitude furnishes opportunity for reading and thus for entering into fellowship with the great and good of other times." It brings us to the Unseen Companionship, the only medicine for homesickness of soul. "The art of living alone is acquired with the art of living in the consciousness of God." Seek to realize His presence and be conformed to His will, which is the highest kind of prayer.

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**On Fighting Decks in 1812.** By F. H. Costello. Illustrated by J. Steeple Davis. Dana Estes & Co.: Boston.

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**To-morrow in Cuba.** By Charles M. Pepper. Harper & Brothers: New York & London. Price, $2.

This volume fully deserves to stand close beside "The New Born Cuba," by Franklin Matthews, of which we have already spoken so highly. Mr. Pepper spent two years in Cuba as a newspaper correspondent, and used his opportunities to the best advantage. He is a keen observer, a first-class writer, a philosophic discriminator, and a fair-minded judge. He has produced something of permanent value. Here are some of the chapter headings which show the main topics treated: "Campos and Weyler," "Autonomy," "The Race of Color," "The Spanish Colony," "Religion as a Withered Branch," "Cuban Priests the Living Branch," "Manners and Morals," "Political Aptitudes," "American Military Control." He testifies to the integrity and efficiency of the American officials and the creditable character of the military government. Though the people lack virility and are too much given to sentiment, he thinks they have political aptitudes that can be developed into a fitness for self-government, and that they will never stand a dictator. He believes there is no likelihood of immediate annexation, but that the predominating public opinion is in favor of an independent government for Cuba under the protectorate of the United States, guaranteeing freedom from European aggression and looking after the finances in order to secure returns for the loans made. It is his opinion

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[From "Winter Adventures of Three Boys in the Great Lone Land," by Egerton R. Young. Eaton & Mains: New York.]

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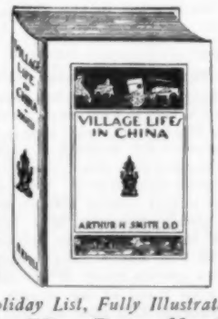


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### New Bedford District

*North Dighton.* — An Old Folks' day, with offering for Conference claimants; Rally day, for all departments of church work; and "Long Roll-call," have been observed with much helpfulness this fall. The grove meetings held during the summer were a spiritual help to the church. The pastor, Rev. H. H. Critchlow, is actively engaged in every good work.

*Whitman.* — A deep spirit of inquiry seems to be upon the people. In the regular services ten had risen for prayers up to Nov. 6. The good work is going on. Rev. Geo. E. Brightman is pastor.

*Fall River, Summerfield Church.* — Rev. O. E. Johnson, the pastor, is holding special services, assisted by Mrs. J. E. Read and Miss Rose Williams. The meetings were preceded by a house-to-house canvass.

*Nantucket.* — The Sunday-school gave a very enjoyable social to the parents of the children, Nov. 1. The treasurer reported the liquidation of a debt of $26 and all current expenses paid to date, at the quarterly conference, Nov. 9. The pastor, Rev. C. A. Lockwood, secured 750 signers to the anti-Roberts petition.

*New Bedford, County St.* — At the November communion five children were baptized and several received by letter.

*New Bedford, South Dartmouth.* — The first work of the New Bedford group in the Twentieth Century movement was given to this church. The pastor, Rev. C. Howard Taylor, was assisted by all the pastors in the city and vicinity, and delegations from the Epworth Leagues. The services continued ten days and were a source of strengthening to the church and furthering the cause of Christ in the community.

*Fairhaven.* — Nov. 5, 2 were received on probation, 8 baptized, and 12 received into full membership.

*Little Compton.* — Extensive repairs are under way. The outside of the meeting-house will receive two coats of paint, and the south side of the roof will be reshingled, with minor items of repairs by carpenters and masons. The inside is to be frescoed, and the woodwork in the auditorium re-varnished, all in the most thorough and workmanlike manner. The pastor, Rev. M. B. Wilson, as committee of one, has raised $1,100, the full amount required to complete the work. The Sunday-school observed Rally day with marked success. The organization of the town under the Rhode Island Sunday-school Association is especially strong and helpful. The church, Sunday-school and choir lose a valuable helper by one of the young ladies becoming Mrs. Alfred H. Burnham, of Philadelphia. The wedding was in the church and largely attended. L. S.

### Norwich District

*Old Mystic.* — The popular young pastor of this church, Rev. Albert E. Legg, has recently taken to himself a wife — a helpmate indeed — and his generous and warm-hearted people have made the happy event the occasion of expressing, in a very substantial manner, their interest in the momentous undertaking. On the eve of his departure a very liberal gift of money surprised the groom-expectant, and later a grand reception was given to the pastor and wife. The church was handsomely decorated, and crowded with people, many of the townspeople joining with those of the church and congregation to express their good-will and congratulations. It was a very pleasant social event, well planned and successfully carried out. The work of the church is prospering. A spirit of harmony and unity prevails, the congregations are growing, the benevolent collections taken show an encouraging increase; and the faith of pastor and people is expecting a great spiritual refreshing from the group meetings soon to be held here.

*South Manchester.* — Another delightful gathering of the Neighborhood Preachers' Meeting was held with Dr. and Mrs. Bartholomew on Monday, Nov. 13. There was a large attendance of ministers and several of their wives. "The Culture of Converts" was the timely and all-important topic for discussion. Rev. F. H. Spear spoke on "The Training of Converts for Active Church Work," giving some very interesting incidents from the refreshing work of grace now going on in his own charge. Presiding Elder Bates spoke very pointedly and impressively on "Training Young Converts in the Use of the Bible;" and Rev. E. P. Phreaner was at home in the happy treatment of his division of the topic, "Training Young Converts in Methodism." An excellent dinner was served by the hostess and heartily appreciated by her guests.

*Burnside.* — Three weeks of group meetings, recently closed, were greatly owned and blessed of God. Twenty persons presented themselves to God as seekers for "the pearl of great price," and none were sent disappointed away. The pastor has received 17 on probation and others will follow. The Sunday-school and Epworth League were large sharers in the blessings of this work, thus reaping the results of faithful sowing. One man, in the maturity of life, who had been brought up in the Roman Catholic Church, was blessedly converted and is alive with zeal and earnestness in the service of his new-found Master. Dr. Bartholomew, Rev.


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### Brockton and Vicinity

*Brockton, Central Church.* — The series of receptions given at the parsonage by Dr. and Mrs. Kaufman to the officiary and members of the church and congregation has proved a most gratifying success. By special request, the sermon delivered by Dr. Kaufman at a union service last Thanksgiving was given in his own church, Sunday, Nov. 26. Here special revival efforts are being made. The Epworth Union will be held in this church, Monday evening, Dec. 4.

*Brockton, South St. Church.* — Rev. H. B. Cady is preaching a series of Sunday evening sermons to young people. The work at Leyden Park, under the pastoral oversight of Mr. Cady, is in a prosperous condition.

*Brockton, Franklin Church.* — Rev. J. N. Patterson received into full connection, Nov. 5, 4 persons, baptized 1, and received 2 on probation. On Tuesday, Nov. 7, Mrs. Patterson received the sad intelligence of the sudden death of her father, Mr. N. B. Briant, of Morristown, N. J. From early manhood Mr. Briant had been a Christian and member of the Methodist Episcopal Church. In her grief Mrs. Patterson is assured of the loving sympathy of a large circle of friends, but better than all she finds in the valley of sorrow the presence of God and the angels.

*Brockton, Pearl St.* — Under the leadership of the new pastor, Rev. A. A. Mason, the work here continues to thrive.

*East Bridgewater.* — Rev. N. B. Cook has been holding special services during the past four weeks, calling to his assistance neighboring pastors. The church has been spiritually helped, and two have been converted. A former member of this church has recently presented it with a hundred copies of the Psalms for use in the public congregation.

*Holbrook.* — Rev. W. J. Kelly is engaged in special revival work. Meetings are being held nearly every night, with good results.

*Cochesett.* — The ladies of this church have just closed a successful Christmas sale, clearing $125. Rev. O. A. Farley has recently taken up his residence in this place. Mr. Farley's many friends rejoice with him in his partial restoration to health.

*Bryantville.* — Sunday, Nov. 26, was a joyful day for this people. On that date the church edifice, repaired and renovated inside and outside, was reopened for public worship. Under the leadership of the pastor, Rev. J. O. Rutter, this church, small in numbers, in its heroic effort to improve the property, has raised nearly $700. The reopening exercises were in charge of the presiding elder, Rev. T. F. Everett, who preached in the afternoon a strong sermon on "Methodism's Opportunity." At the conclusion of the sermon Rev. G. E. Brightman and Rev. N. B. Cook made brief addresses. In the evening the presiding elder made remarks and also raised $52 — the balance needed to pay all bills. Mrs. Cornelia A. Keen read the financial statement, and Mrs. Phebe S. Damon presented an historical sketch of the church. It is hoped that this people have now entered upon a a career of unprecedented spiritual prosperity.

*Twentieth Century Movement.* — The group which includes Plymouth, Whitman, Bryantville, Marshfield and West Duxbury will be organized for work at a meeting to be held Monday, Nov. 27, in the Memorial Church, Plymouth.

If the ministers of Brockton and vicinity will kindly send facts concerning their church work to Rev. George E. Brightman, East Whitman, Mass., in due time said facts will appear in ZION'S HERALD. G. E. B.

## NEW HAMPSHIRE CONFERENCE

### Manchester District

*Manchester, Trinity Church,* seems to be in a prosperous condition, with current expenses paid nearly to date, good congregations, and good attendance at Sunday-school and Epworth League. There were 12 accessions last Sabbath — 3 by letter, 3 in full connection from probation, and 6 on probation.

*Webster.* — This charge is rejoicing in a grand spiritual uplift. Rev. J. G. Cairns, pastor, and Evangelist Call have found thirty souls seeking and finding the sinner's Saviour in that place during a three weeks' campaign just ended. They are now pushing for like fruit in Contoocook, the headquarters of the same pastorate.

*Londonderry.* — Pastor McLucas, having made excellent proof of his ministry in Londonderry, has gone South for a vacation, making arrangements meanwhile that Rev. J. H. Vincent may supply his work in his absence, with the parsonage as headquarters and Mrs. McLucas as his boarding mistress. The Londonderry people rejoice in the prospect of full deliverance from the debt incubus as a result of the effort of pastor and people in accordance with the plan of the Twentieth Century Movement.

*North Charlestown* has made some repairs and improvements on the house of worship — kalsomined the walls and ceiling, slated the roof, put a new railing and pinnacles on the tower, blinds on the belfry, and painted the building outside. A swarm of bees has been occupying the belfry, and the society levied on their winter stores for rent, receiving nearly a hundred pounds of excellent honey which enabled them to defray $22 of the expense of repairs, which amounts to something more than $200, and is nearly all paid.

*West Unity* has also been made glad by the reception of a contribution from one who removed to the city fifty years ago. If more of the prosperous people in the cities would of their abundance remember their former country church homes with some endowment of domestic mission work, our desert would more easily be made to bring forth fruit. It may be that the Twentieth Century Thank-offering Movement will witness some such work in our Zion as well as the work of the blessed Holy Spirit in the awakening and salvation of souls.

*Contoocook* is seeing some revival interest, four persons having professed conversion during the last week there. A good interest prevails. Good congregations last Sabbath greeted Pastor Cairns at both places in this charge, and 14 were received on probation by him at Webster.

*Personal.* — Mrs. Mary Hamilton, the mother of Mrs. G. W. Norris, died at her home in Lawrence, on Friday morning, Nov. 24. The funeral was attended by Rev. G. M. Curl, her pastor, assisted by Rev. J. W. Adams, of Methuen. Mother Hamilton was ninety-four and a half years old.

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**Concord District**

*Ashland.* — The pastor, Rev. E. C. E. Dorion, who had been holding special services before the Preachers' Meeting, continued them for some time afterward. On Sunday, Nov. 5, he received 15 into the church — 6 by letter and 9 on probation. These latter had been converted during the progress of the meetings. The membership of this church has been doubled since the last Annual Conference; it is now 42. Mr. Dorion has taken up work in an out-district, and proposes to hold revival services there very soon. By reason of the special interest the Sunday-school has increased, two new classes having been formed.

*Lakeport.* — Nov. 5, 4 were received on probation and 1 by letter. They are hopeful here.

*Gilford.* — The new pastor, Rev. Mr. Robinson, is doing well. He learns the ways of Methodism quite readily, and is proving a spiritual leader.

*Laconia, First.* — The pastor is in the midst of revival services. Meetings are well attended and a good interest is being awakened.

*Piermont.* — Two weeks of special services have been held. The pastor has had the help of brethren in his group. They have been specially profitable for the church.

*Haverhill.* — Rev. E. E. Reynolds planned for an old-fashioned quarterly meeting at our last visit. The quarterly conference was held Saturday forenoon at 10 o'clock. The presiding elder preached at 11. There was a second sermon at 2 by Rev. Mr. Thurston, and one in the evening by Rev. Mr. Murphy of Pike's Station. Sunday morning a love-feast was held, with preaching and the sacrament, and a service in the evening. Mr. Reynolds has already notified the elder that he will do a similar thing next quarter, and has asked some of the neighboring pastors to take part. Why not make such a service more general all over the district? The elder's visit is too largely a business service. He needs the spiritual touch of the people, and it may be he might be able to do them a little good.

*Whitefield.* — Rev. W. C. Bartlett is in the second week of meetings. Large congregations attend. There is a deep feeling among the people. Some have been saved. He proposes to continue while the indications are favorable.

*Winter.* — It struck us early. We had our first sleigh-ride, Nov. 12, from Gilford to Laconia. In the upper part of the State many sleighs were on the road. It came too soon for the convenience of the people, many of whom had not completed their fall work.

*Stark* and *Crystal.* — The Ladies' Aid Societies of these places held a fair for two days that netted over $70. It was not only a success from the money point, but from the good feeling that prevailed. Spiritual success is confidently looked for.

*West Milan.* — There seems to be an improvement here. The people are agitated over the conditions, and are going to work with fresh courage.

*Stratford.* — The pastor continues earnestly at work. One has been received on probation, and was baptized. Others will come.

*Groveton.* — Rev. H. F. Quimby, with his consecration and zeal, pushes the work here. The church has been shingled and carpeted and a new furnace is now being put in. This will make them very comfortable. All the people hope and pray for the safe return of Mrs. Quimby from the hospital in Brooklyn.

*Pittsburgh.* — During the quarter 4 have been received on probation and 5 into full membership; and several more have expressed their purpose to be Christians. The finances are in better condition than last year.

*District Groups.* — When reading the account of the plans on Norwich District, we found that ours are practically the same. Last August, by direction of the District Twentieth Century Commission, we divided the work into ten groups of from four to seven churches. The purpose was to promote evangelistic and twentieth-century work. The pastors have been together and planned their campaigns, and many meetings either have been, or are being, held. Up to this time probably more than a hundred souls have been converted and the churches greatly blessed. They are doing their own evan-


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gelistic work. One pastor, quite remote from his group, did his own preaching nearly every night for four weeks. It didn't hurt him either; he is stronger now than before he began. This movement is going to be of great value to the churches.

*Gilmanton.* — Seven have indicated a desire to lead a Christian life in the meetings that have been in progress for some weeks. There is an awakening among the Christian people.

*East Colebrook* and *East Columbia.* — Congregations are very good, and the finances are in a better condition than for some years at this time of the year. The parsonage repairs have cost nearly $300. They are making commendable progress in meeting the debt.

*Personal.* — Rev. H. F. Quimby and wife have gone to New York. The latter goes to the Methodist Hospital for surgical treatment. All will sincerely hope that it will be successful.

Rev. Henry Candler comes from Yonkers, N. Y., to take the work at Bow and Bow Mills.

We have at last found the "one to be supplied" for Colebrook, Stewartstown, and Beecher Falls — Mr. White, a local preacher, who will assist Rev. W. T. Carter.

Rev. Irving C. Brown has been laid aside for a few weeks with an attack of bilious fever. He is better and is again at his work.

Miss Marion Knight, of our church at Lisbon, has gone to Berkeley, Va., to be instructor in physical and voice culture in a young ladies' school. B.

**Dover District**

*Epworth League.* — The Mallalieu Circuit, comprising the chapters at Merrimacport, Amesbury, Salisbury, Newburyport, Smithtown and Byfield, held an enthusiastic meeting at Smithtown, Thursday evening, Nov. 16. The principal speaker was Rev. W. A. Wood, of Newburyport, Mass., his subject being, "Guards and Guides." The house was well filled. SECRETARY.

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## VERMONT CONFERENCE

### Montpelier District

*W. F. M. S.* — The Montpelier District Association of the W. F. M. S. held its annual meeting at Wilder, Nov. 22-23. Cordial greetings were extended by the pastor, Rev. S. P. Fairbanks, and Mrs. Charles Cambridge, with response by Mrs. H. C. McDuffee, district secretary. "The Story of a Year" was an interesting paper prepared by Mrs. A. M. Merrifield, district president. A symposium on the *Woman's Missionary Friend* consisted of quotations by different authors telling of the value of the *Friend*. An interesting letter from a girl in Foochow, China, was also read. In the evening the report of the annual Executive Board meeting was given, and Rev. A. H. Baker, formerly a missionary to India, gave a very graphic description of the condition of the women there, especially referring to the sad life of the widows.

Thursday morning opened with an inspiring and helpful prayer and promise meeting conducted by Mrs. S. P. Fairbanks. The following officers were elected by acclamation: President, Mrs. A. M. Merrifield, Williamsville; vice-presidents, presidents of each auxiliary; recording secretary, Miss Mattie Buck, South Royalton; treasurer, Mrs. R. R. Laurence, Wilder. The district secretary reported a year of hard but encouraging work. Miss Harvey visited twenty of the churches and Miss Danforth nine during the year. Both did grand work with these results: 120 new members, 2 new auxiliaries, 2 new young women's societies, 6 new mission bands, 27 new subscribers to *Woman's Missionary Friend*, 28 new subscribers to *Children's Friend*. We now have 20 auxiliaries, 3 young women's societies, 10 mission bands and mite-box circles, 3 Little Light Bearers' circles. The roll-call showed Northfield the banner auxiliary. On Thursday afternoon interesting papers were given by Mrs. L. K. Dickermann, Mrs. F. E. Beeman, Miss M. A. Pomeroy, Mrs. E. A. Barrett Mrs. A. A. Estabrook, Miss Louise Dudley, and Mrs. R. F. Lowe. In the evening Rev. and Mrs. Francis Dickey, returned missionaries from China, spoke. Mrs. Dickey told of the work among the women of China and Mr. Dickey of his work as preacher and the many conversions which blessed his efforts. They were sent out by the Baptist Society.

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*Athens.* — Progress prevails in all departments. There is an increase in attendance not only in the morning congregations, but also in the Sunday-school, the average at this service being fifteen larger than for the first six months of last year. The collections have also been double those of last year for the same period. Out-district cottage prayer-meetings have been held, and much personal work is being done. The salary is paid in full up to date at both this place and Brookline, both of which are ably supplied by Rev. William E. Lang.

*Bellows Falls.* — At the third quarterly conference it was voted to paint the exterior of the church edifice, the parsonage having already been covered with two new coats of paint. A committee was also appointed to investigate and report concerning the cost of interior renovation and repairs. Mr. Putnam, one of the stewards, has passed away during the past quarter. Some has been received by letter. It was the unanimous decision of the board that an aggressive spiritual campaign of some kind ought to be instituted. Pastor Lewis and family are justly popular with the entire parish.

*Randolph.* — His appreciative parishioners have presented Rev. Fred G. Rainey with an elegant fur coat. Our church at this place will probably unite with the other churches of the village in a series of evangelistic meetings in the near future.

*Randolph Centre.* — Pastor Moody is being assisted in a revival campaign by Conference Evangelistic Cooper. Fourteen were converted during the first four days, and the meetings have been in progress for some time since. Much interest will be felt throughout the Conference in the tidings that the venerable and greatly beloved Noah Granger of this place, long the agent of the endowment fund of Montpelier Seminary, is lying at the point of death. Randolph Methodism — it might well be said Vermont Conference Methodism — can ill afford to lose such a valuable Christian worker.

*Hartland.* — Things are steadily looking up at this place. A series of meetings is being con-

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*Ludlow.*—The basement of the church is being finished off into much-needed rooms for various church activities, a large amount of the work as well as the money-raising being done by Pastor Badger and the district Epworth League president, Mr. Morgan.

*Montpelier.*—The local papers give generous space to abstracts of the Sunday evening Gospel sermons preached by Rev. C. O. Judkins, with appreciative mention of the work in general. Under the auspices of the local Y. M. C. A. Mr. Judkins has started a "Workingman's Club" with promise of large success. Mrs. Judkins has started, in connection with the literary department of the League, a series of week-evening studies in social science, members of the Seminary faculty and leading professional people lending their services to aid in the work. The published program of the series is most attractive, and shows that Mrs. Judkins proposes that the Epworthians of Montpelier shall become thoroughly informed concerning all recent discoveries in this important line of investigation.

*Pittsfield.*—Notwithstanding the fact that the special meetings have closed, the revival still goes on, and some one starts for the kingdom at each meeting. Mr. Parounagian has also assisted neighboring pastors in revival efforts, and has taken up a bi-monthly preaching service on Sunday afternoon at Stony Brook, a place where Methodism formerly held the fort. Marcus thinks that the flag of Methodism should never be lowered for anybody or anything, and is making things hum in the entire vicinity of Pittsfield.

*Springfield.*—Two young men were received on probation the third Sabbath in November, three others having recently been received in the same way. In all, 28 have been added to the church membership since Conference, and Dr. Rowland is planning for a yet more aggressive campaign against the hosts of darkness.

*Union Village.*—The furnace for the new parsonage is on its way from New York. Pure spring water in unfailing measure has been secured and piped to the new manse, the parishioners of Mr. Lawton turning out with him and making a "bee" to dig the ditch therefor.

*Summer School.*—Rev. Isaac S. Yerks, of Wilmington, Rev. Dr. B. F. Rowland, of Springfield, and Rev. James Cairns, of Claremont, met, Nov. 20, to take preliminary steps toward holding a Summer School in connection with the camp-meeting at Claremont Junction next August. The initial school of a year ago was a pronounced success, and much is hoped from this second attempt.

*Thetford Centre.*—Two have been received on probation as a part of the fruits of the meetings held at this place by Pastor Baker and Evangelist Walker. Many of the church members were greatly revived. The local papers make frequent and very appreciative mention of the excellent sermons of Pastor Baker.

*Windsor.*—Mr. Partridge continues to give thoughtful and logical sermons which furnish suitable food for spiritual growth. A young man from Cornish Flats, Mr. Lindsay, who is a member of this church, was given a local preacher's license at the last quarterly conference. He proposes to take a course of study in one of our schools before finally entering the active work of the ministry—an admirable purpose.

*White River Junction.*—Pastor Hough has been ill and unable to occupy his pulpit for several Sabbaths, but is now out again, much to the delight of his parishioners.

*Twentieth Century Movement.*—According to the request of the presiding elders most of the pastors presented this subject on one of the early Sabbaths of November. This initial presentation is designed only as an entering wedge, and the plan is to have frequent sermons and addresses upon this topic from now on by both resident and outside speakers. Yet much interest is already aroused; and, after the sermon of Mr. Lewis at Bellows Falls, one man, not a member of the church, came to him and, on finding that subscriptions could be paid in four installments six months apart, pledged five dollars apiece for himself and his wife and his family of half a dozen children, thus setting a good example to the church members there and elsewhere.

*Our Next Conference.*—The next session of the Annual Conference will be held at Bellows Falls, the invitation of that place having been accepted on the ground that the early date and the increased attendance on General Conference year made that a more suitable place than Lyndonville, which had also extended a generous invitation. Pastor Lewis has already once ably entertained the Conference—at Barton—and the people of Bellows Falls are anxious to have us come, so we may be sure of a good time.

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*Montpelier District Epworth League Convention* met at Springfield, Vt., Nov. 1 and 2. "Ought Christians to Tithe?" by Rev. W. M. Newton, principal of Montpelier Seminary; "What League Membership Signifies," by Leon J. Ball of Bellows Falls; "Business Methods in the Epworth League Work," by Harry H. Morgan, of Ludlow; "The Pastor and the Junior League," by Rev. C. O. Judkins, district secretary; "The Epworth League and the Back District Problem," by Miss Mary Pillsbury, of West Bradford; "How to Circulate the *Epworth Herald*," by Miss Julia Kinsman, of Rochester; "How to Organize and Operate a Junior League," by Mrs. M. B. Parounagian, of Pittsfield; "Standing by the Leader," by Miss Julia M. Lewis, of Bellows Falls; "The Ungloved Hand," by Miss Gertrude Harris, of Windsor; "Descriptive Readings," by Rev. L. N. Moody, of Randolph Centre, were some of the papers. Officers were elected as follows: President, Harry H. Morgan, Ludlow; vice-presidents, Harold B. Converse, Miss Mary E. Pillsbury, Mrs. C. O. Judkins, Mrs. L. N.

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ARTHUR C. DENNETT, Sec.

## MAINE CONFERENCE

**Portland District**

*W. F. M. S.* — At the annual meeting of Portland District W. F. M. S., held at West End Church, Nov. 15, resolutions were presented appreciative of the life and work of Mrs. Carrie R. Donnell, who for thirteen years was connected with this organization, more particularly in Portland and Woodfords, and extending sympathy to the bereaved husband.

*Eliot.* — There are now three boys at the parsonage. Frank Eliot came Nov. 20.

*Kennebunk.* — The parsonage has been improved by the addition of running water and a new stove. The Sunday-school and Epworth League have grown during the second quarter. The young men of the League have organized a praying-band and are working for the coming revival. The Junior League has been re-organized. The bills of the church are all paid to date, with balance in the treasury. The second quarterly conference was held at the parsonage and was a very pleasant social occasion, the ladies being invited.

*West Kennebunk.* — Rev. W. F. Marshall has won the hearts of the people and has the work well in hand. He will start a Junior League very soon. The Epworth League is active in raising funds for the church and is increasing in membership.

*Westbrook.* — The testimonies at quarterly meeting indicated a strong desire for revival and a purpose to work and pray for it. Evangelist Gale is to hold meetings here early in December. The pastor is working hard to raise the money to pay old debts of many years' standing, and has been very successful. He expects to leave the charge to his successor without a debt.

*South Berwick.* — Four days of extra meetings were held in connection with the second quarterly meeting. The few present were greatly blessed, and the pastor is hoping for a harvest from seed sown. Fifteen have recently graduated from the primary department. The special exercises under the charge of the efficient leader, Miss Parnell, were very interesting. In repairing the church this year $150 have been spent.

*Berwick.* — The people of the church and town appreciate the labors of the pastor, Rev. B. C. Wentworth. Large congregations gather twice each Sabbath. When this church raises its salary to the right point it will be one of the best appointments in the Conference. Its congregations and social services are already in the first grade. The Epworth League raises $50 annually for a teacher in India.

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## EAST MAINE CONFERENCE

**Rockland District**

*Rockland.* — The treasurer's semi-annual report shows the best financial condition for several years. Present liabilities $300, nearly all of which are provided for. Nov. 5 a congregation of 350 greeted the pastor. The Sunday-school reports 224. The vestry was filled at the evening service. Conversions are a common occurrence. Rev. F. E. White reports a net gain of 100 members during his pastorate. All departments seem to be prosperous. The series of sermons on the Ten Commandments were profitable.

*Thomaston.* — A gain is reported in the congregation, also in the weekly offerings. Finances are well in hand. If it were not for the debt, all would be well. How to conquer that is the great question. Plans are taking shape, and we expect good results. This is the only debt of importance on the district. The League raises the interest. The pastor makes a specialty of organizing and training the children religiously. A re-


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vival spirit pervades the Sunday evening service. At a recent Old Folks' service, ten of the large congregation averaged 71 years of age. Rev. W. H. Dunnack is pastor.

*Searsmont.* — Three weeks of revival effort have greatly quickened the church and awakened a general interest. One has been converted. The meetings will be continued. New windows are being placed in the parsonage.

*Montville.* — Rev. G. M. Bailey has supplied this church since June. He has been welcomed by large audiences. He will continue until Dec. 1.

*Palermo.* — This people, although without regular preaching, have sustained a Sunday evening service and a class-meeting. The chapel has been newly painted.

*Damariscotta Mills.* — Revival services are being held.

*Belfast.* — Signs of prosperity are to be seen in all departments. A series of sermons on "Why Men do Not Attend Church," has drawn large audiences, and many have become regular members of the congregation. The question is now being considered, "Why Are Not the Social Services More Largely Attended?" An earnest appeal has been sent to every Christian in the congregation. Finances are well in hand, and harmony prevails. Rev. G. E. Edgett is having a good year. We are hopeful of receiving an invitation to hold our next Conference in this pleasant city. The idea meets with general favor, but no action has yet been taken.

*Morrill and Knox.* — The old parsonage at East Knox is to be sold, and one built or purchased at Morrill. This will be a joy to the newly married pastor, Rev. Charles Seliger. The work is moving pleasantly.

*Northport.* — Two have been baptized and three received on probation. Services are well attended on all parts of the charge, and the claim paid to date. Revival meetings are soon to be held. Plans are being made to build a chapel at *Brown's Corner*. Several summer visitors are interested. Rev. C. H. Bryant is greatly encouraged in his first pastorate. He is universally respected.

*Searsport.* — The members of the family of Rev. H. W. Norton, who have been under quarantine with scarlet fever for several weeks, are much improved. The youngest son has been very sick. The church is prosperous, and with restored health at the parsonage all will be well.

W. W. OGIER.

## NEW ENGLAND CONFERENCE

**Boston District**

*Worcester, Trinity Church.* — In the three weeks of revival services more people have started in the Christian way than at any similar meetings for twelve years, at which time a large number were converted. The singer, Miss Rice, had other engagements for this week. Her songs have added much to the tender interest of the services. The ladies served their monthly supper, and many men took advantage of the opportunity to attend the revival service afterward. The result of the sale held recently was reported as $250. The recent lecture by Leon H. Vincent was on our three great humorous writers, Artemus Ward, Bill Nye and Mark Twain. One more lecture finishes the course.

*Laurel Hill.* — This church has been most unfortunate in losing so many of its prominent men within the year — Mr. Richardson and Mr. Moulton by death, and recently Mr. John Townsend by removal from the city. Their places cannot readily be filled. Hard workers, good advisers, and helpers financially, are not so easy to find.

*Park Ave.* — "Bishop" Sanderson was very delicately reminded of his 62d birthday on a recent Sunday by the presentation of that number of pink blossoms. Only the almanac warns him of advancing years, for there is no slackening in his pace, and he has, if possible, more irons than ever in the fire. He and the Thank-offering committee have raised the money to free from indebtedness the Park Ave. and Lake View churches. Now for the larger ones. His friends are wondering if the "Bishop" is the M. E. preacher who forgot his pocket book on his Thanksgiving Day trolley ride to Oxford. If so, they are saying, "It is the first time he ever set out on a trip, long or short, without having some pocket-book in mind."

*Thomas St.* — Preparations are making for a whole week devoted to the dedication of the new

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*Grace.* — The pastor, Dr. Brady, is giving, on successive Monday nights, a very interesting series of illustrated lectures on his varied experiences in Europe. That on Germany was magnificently illustrated and enjoyed to the full. The Ladies' Circle gave their monthly supper a week earlier than usual, in order to have Thanksgiving Thursday free. The union service for the day was in Grace Church, and Dr. King, of Trinity, preached the sermon. QUIS.

### Springfield District

*Holyoke Highlands.* — The recent revival services in this church resulted in about forty conversions. The pastor, Rev. O. R. Miller, was assisted by Rev. James Tregaskis of New Haven, who did most efficient and satisfactory work. Sunday, Nov. 12, the pastor received 22 on probation. He used the regular Discipline form for receiving probationers. It was a sight which moved many to tears as 22 persons came forward and stood before the altar to be received on probation. Since then several others have been received. The total number recently taken on probation is 31. The pastor is leading a tremendous no-license fight in this city, with every prospect of winning. *

*W. F. M. S.* — The Cambridge District W. F. M. S. met in Trinity Church, Charlestown, Nov. 16, for their autumn convention. The cordial welcome, the pleasant meeting-place, the spirit of fellowship, the knowledge and inspiration gained, made a day truly appreciated and enjoyed. The reports of auxiliaries manifested an enthusiasm and purpose that promises well for the new year. Miss Sarah Emerson brought an excellent report from the Branch annual meeting. It was voted to continue the observance of the "strictly basket lunch," with a view to enabling our hostesses to enjoy the program with their guests. Miss Richardson, delegate to the General Executive meeting, gave a happily comprehensive and concise report. Deep gratitude was felt for the splendid advance in the receipts of the year, and devout response to the motto for the new year — "200,000 souls." Miss Effie Young, fresh from labors abundant in Peking, furnished additional facts and incidents and deepened the sadly familiar impression of the dreariness of the heathen land and the hopelessness of the heathen heart. Dr. Taylor, with his characteristic intensity, traced the matchless conquest of the Cross of Christ from the days of primitive Christianity. Gratitude was felt for the at least partial recovery of Dr. Knox, which permitted the president, Mrs. Knox, to be with us. It was with pleasure, also, that we greeted our Branch president, feeling that she especially belongs to Cambridge District, so long was she its honored secretary.

GRACE G. SMITH, Rec. Sec.

*W. F. M. S.* — Framingham District Association of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society held a quarterly meeting at Holliston, Nov. 1. Mrs. Abercrombie led the devotional service, and cordially welcomed the meeting. Mrs. Mudge, the president, responded. Nine of the thirteen aux-

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## MARRIAGES

GARSIDE — SHELDON — In West Fitchburg, Nov. 1, by Rev. L. W. Adams, John W. Garside and Emma A. Sheldon, both of West Fitchburg.

FITZGERALD — COOK — Nov. 25, by the same, Percey H. Fitzgerald and Matilda Cook, both of West Fitchburg.

MERRILL — FRANCIS — In Livermore, Me., by Rev. Charles W. Dane, Nathan D. Merrill, of Turner, and Millie B. Francis, of Leeds.

DULEY — SNELL — In Stark, Me., Nov. 23, by Rev. Joseph Moulton, Sampson Duley and Mrs. Mary S. Snell, both of Stark.

STAPLES — WILLIAMS — In South Eliot, Me., Nov. 23, by Rev. E. W. Kennison, Albert W. Staples, of Eliot, and Mary O. Williams, of Kittery.

EDWARDS — MORGAN — In West Fitchburg, Nov. 29 by Rev. L. W. Adams, Clarence E. Edwards and Elizabeth Morgan, both of West Fitchburg.


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Here where our Saint hath come,
Blithe from her martyrdom,
From pain that passes
And grief forgot.

Love-flame that burned so bright
Blends here with g ory light.
When all was ashes,
All else was loss,
Still in the body's wane,
Dusk of bewildered brain,
Love's quenchless flashes
Lit up her cross.

Festival keep for her,
All ye that weep for her.
Death, tardy comer,
Listened for long,
Softly her cage-door stirred.
Forth flashed the pining bird
To a new summer
And a new song.

— K THARINE LEE BATES, in *Christian Register*.

**Holway.** — Sarah R. Hoyt Holway was born in oston, Mass., July 21, 1834, married Lemuel Holway, Nov. 4, 1855, and died in Chelsea, Mass., March 14, 1899.

She was a dutiful daughter, an affectionate sister, a kind neighbor, a faithful wife, a devoted mother, and a consistent Christian. She possessed many of the characteristics of her cousin, Rev. William Stetson, and was the niece of Noah Skinner, one of the founders of ZION'S HERALD, a paper of which she was a great admirer and constant reader throughout her entire life.

In early youth she was soundly converted, and united with the North Bennet St. Church, from which, on her removal to Chelsea in 1865, her membership was transferred to Walnut St., and later to the Mt. Bellingham Church. Her early conversion, the influence and teachings of her sainted parents, the daily study of the Bible and ZION'S HERALD, her private devotions, her instruction in the Boston public schools, the labors and associations of her home and church life, by the aid of the Holy Spirit, enabled her to honor Christ and to leave at her departure a name that is as ointment poured forth. Her religious experience was vital, joyful and self-consuming. It made her fruitful in well doing. In caring for the sick, ministering to the needy, and in managing the affairs of her household, she witnessed a good profession before men and angels. It gave refinement to her cultured mind, made her disposition sweet and hopeful, developed great patience amid grievous disappointments and intense and protracted sufferings, caused her to sympathize with others while judiciously helping them, and gave her triumphant joy at her death.

To her pastor a few days before her departure she said: "I would like to recover if it is the will of God, for the sake of my family, but if He sees best I am ready to die. Jesus is with me. He is my Saviour from sin and its consequences." In her life and by her death she proved the marvelous power and blessed reality of a saving faith in the Lord Jesus Christ.

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**Spooner.** — Miss Sarah Spooner, long a familiar figure in the community and a faithful and much-respected member of the Acushnet (Mass.) Methodist Episcopal Church, was removed from loved ones by the call of God, Nov. 14, 1899, at the age of 71 years and 10 months.

Miss Spooner was visiting her sister, Mrs. Capt. Jenney, at the time. As a consumptive, her death was probably hastened by an attack of grippe some two years ago. The daughter of a faithful class-leader, she was sound in Christian faith, and left for the consolation of her surviving loved ones the testimony that with her all was well.

The funeral service was conducted by her pastor.

L. H. MASSEY.

**Gladding.** — William O. Gladding was born in Bristol, R. I., in July, 1833, and died in Newport, R. I., Sept. 19, 1899.

Mr. Gladding while a young man learned the sail-maker's trade which he followed both in Bristol and in Newport. He enlisted as a soldier in the civil war, serving in the quartermaster's department at Washington.

Early in life he became a Christian and united with the Methodist Episcopal Church in Bristol, and on removing to Newport transferred his membership to the First Methodist Episcopal Church in that city.

He had an open nature, winning many friends and exemplifying the truth that life is not to be reserved for self, but given to the good of mankind. He was a friend to the poor and suffering. He appeared to delight in rendering assistance to others, both temporally and spiritually, not forgetting the apostle's injunction, "Look not every man on his own things, but also on the things of others." For more than thirty years he lived in Newport, greatly endearing himself to those who were associated with him in labor, and making a large place in the hearts of his fellow workers in the church of Christ.

He suffered much from disease, which more than once brought him near to death. In the midst of it all he kept a thankful heart, and in his last sufferings, resulting from a stroke of paralysis, he had the same patient spirit, with thanksgiving to God for those spiritual blessings which cause us to triumph in Jesus Christ.

A good man has gone from us. His wife and step-mother survive him.

J. H. ALLEN.

**Lowell.** — Philip L. Lowell, the subject of this sketch, was born in Palmyra, Me., June 21, 1842, and departed this life, Oct. 31, 1899, in Dexter, Me., aged 57 years, 4 months and 10 days.

Mr. Lowell was born of noble New England parentage. His father's house was the home of the Methodist itinerant, from whom and his devoted, God-fearing mother he early learned those lessons of integrity, industry, and fidelity that distinguished him later in life, and made him the careful and successful business man of his mature years.

He settled in Dexter thirty-two years ago as a clothing dealer, and at once identified himself in behalf of the best interests of the town and his native State. In the war of the Rebellion he showed his patriotism by three years of actual service — at first in Co. G, 13th Maine Vols., and later as a member of the Second Maine Cavalry — and was twice recommended by his superior officer for promotion for his brave and worthy conduct.

He was converted about 1869, under the spiritual labors of Rev. Charles E. Springer, who was then preacher in charge at Dexter. His life was a constant joy. He served the church as teacher, librarian and treasurer of the Sunday-school, and was at the time of his death steward, class-leader and trustee. He had shown marked ability and activity especially during the last year of his life as one of the building committee of the church edifice in Dexter, now fast approaching completion.

He was united in marriage, Dec. 17, 1863, with Miss Sarah F. Chapman, of Biddeford. Of their five children three survive, and two are in heaven. Their domestic life was a model of rare excellence, and their home had a sacred charm few can boast. Mr. Lowell was a cheerful, happy companion, never complaining, and always content with what the day had in store. In his last class-meeting he mentioned as one of the blessed things in his life that his children always knelt with him at the family altar and joined in repeating the Lord's Prayer. He was a dear lover of sacred song, and after hearing from the lips of Bishop McCabe "The Trundle-bed," would often ask his daughter to sing it to him, as it reminded him of his childhood home and mother.

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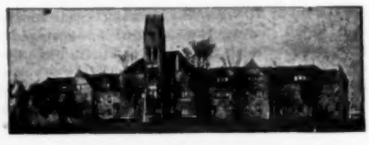

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## Secretary Schell Resigns

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REV. EDWIN A. SCHELL, D. D., General Secretary of the Epworth League, has resigned. On Friday last, at a specially called meeting of the Board of Control in Cincinnati, Dr. Schell terminated the discussion over his case by tendering his resignation.

That was best. Looked at from any and every point of view, it was best that Dr. Schell should resign. The discussion of the entire case had been carried to such a pitch, not only by the newspapers of Methodism, but by the great weeklies of the other churches, and by the secular press, that in any event his usefulness as General Secretary was at an end. Had not the talk about the case taken on the form and volume it did; had Dr. Schell demonstrated his innocence of a "wrong intent," had he acknowledged his wrong, craved the forgiveness of those to whom he is amenable, and subsequently pursued a course consistent with that confession and that forgiveness, upbraiding nobody, even his enemies, if he has any, and walking humbly before God and man, it might have been that his resignation would not have been necessary. But the pressure of public opinion was so intense, the convictions of men "good and true" were so decided for the peace, the purity and the prestige of the church; and the circumstances subsequent to the meeting of the Board of Control in Indianapolis, for example, the interview, authoritative or spurious, in the *Chicago Record*, the unwise wording of the Northwest Indiana Conference in its resolutions on the entire case, the mistakes of friends and the resolutions of annual and lay electoral conferences, were in total so strong as to be resistless. Dr. Schell's influence as General Secretary was at an end.

As to the merits of the case, it is not now necessary to review them. That we did at great length at the proper time. The past is past.

It is now the part of the chapters to turn to the future. Often, we trust, the Epworth Leaguers will remember in their prayers the name of Edwin A. Schell, the brilliant leader of countless conventions and altar services. It is not necessary to cast any stones. And we trust that the thousands of homes all over the land, at whose firesides Edwin A. Schell has been welcomed, will remember him not as a Sister orth, acting a double part, or a Jekyl and Hyde under a malign passion; but as a brother, a Christian overtaken in a fault. We hope for mercy, let us extend mercy. If the sacred body of Christ has suffered hurt, that body of Christ, the Methodist Episcopal Church, is yet just and divine enough to extend its hand and make of Edwin A. Schell, who, too, has suffered (God knows how much), again a fellow worker and a brother. Dr. Schell was forty years old last Saturday, the day after he resigned. It is yet the forenoon. May the sun come forth from its cloud!


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## The Conferences

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iliaries in this district responded to the roll-call, showing progress in most places, failure in none. A very interesting report of the annual meeting at Lawrence, prepared by Mrs. Wm. Hussey, of Milford, was read by the secretary. After some discussion it was voted to give the sum of five dollars to the Branch contingent fund.

At 12.30 lunch was served by the local auxiliary.

The devotional exercises of the afternoon were conducted by the pastor of the church, Rev. E. E. Abercrombie. Mrs. Mudge, in the absence of Miss Young, who was advertised for this meeting, gave the address of the day, and all who heard her felt amply repaid for any effort on their part to be present. She spoke from her own acquaintance with the people and country of India, and of the work as she saw it and helped to do it. She also spoke very tenderly of the late Phœbe Rowe, who was her own personal friend.

During the day we were greatly favored with music by Misses Mabel and Bertha Parker and Emma Treen. The Juniors of Holliston gave a very interesting exercise of song and recitation. The meeting adjourned after a vote of thanks had been extended to the Holliston auxiliary and to all who helped to make the meeting interesting and profitable.

ADELAIDE KNIGHTS, Sec.

*W. F. M. S.*— The annual meeting of the Springfield District Woman's Foreign Missionary Society convened in Asbury Church, Springfield, Nov. 15. Mrs. O. W. Scott, of Chicopee, conducted the devotional services. Rev. W. J. Heath, pastor of Asbury Church, extended hearty greetings to the visitors. Appointments of committees were made, and auxiliary reports heard. The following officers were elected for the coming year: President, Mrs. O. W. Scott, of Chicopee; vice-president at large, Mrs. M. S. Merrill; recording secretary, Mrs. W. Fayette Wharfield; treasurer, Mrs. Ira B. Allen. Mrs. Shumway, of Florence, gave a report of the annual Branch meeting in Lawrence. A talk by Mrs. L. L. Beeman, solos by Miss Marianna Heath and Mrs. A. L. Chapman, addresses by Mrs. G. B. Smyth, of the Anglo-Chinese College, Foochow, China, and Miss L. A. Danforth, of Japan, followed.

MRS. W. FAYETTE WHARFIELD, Rec. Sec.

*W. M. F. S.*— Boston District W. F. M. S. met, Nov. 22, at Bethany Church, Roslindale. Devotions at the first session were led by Mrs. Stackpole; at the second by Mrs. Nazarian. Both sessions were favored with special music from the local church. Of the twenty nine auxiliaries on the district eighteen reported their past year's work and present purposes. Nearly all promised increase. Six delegates to the Branch Annual spoke of the things that most impressed them. Four young ladies rendered a missionary dialogue. The address was by Miss Cushman, who showed interesting curios and also conducted the Children's Hour. A literature table was well patronized. C. B. STEELE, Rec. Sec.

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